

# The SWORD of the LORD

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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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## The Wisdom of Soul Winning

By Joseph T. Larson, Evangelist

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise."—Prov. 11:30.

A lad who became a cabin boy on a vessel showed from the beginning that he was a Christian. The sailors, including the captain, were all ungodly. "You just wait, lad; some day when the ocean is peaceful, we will take all this religion out of you!"

One day the test came. The sailors nailed a chair at the end of a long plank and tied the boy into the chair, saying, "Now, lad, unless you give up your faith in Christ, we're going to drown you!"

The boy replied, "I cannot give up my faith in Christ."

The sailors put the boy under the water four times. But each time he replied, "I cannot give up my faith in Christ." By the fourth time he was nearly choked with water.

The captain said, "All right boys, don't drown the lad; take him up!"

They put him to bed and gave him some hot coffee, and said, "Son, as soon as you feel better, we all want to know how you did that!"

After some time the lad was feeling strong again. He soon led the captain and all the crew to Christ! It almost cost him his life. But his willingness to suffer was surely rewarded. It will cost you something if you want to win souls. You will be rewarded by God our Father in proportion to your willingness to suffer for His name's sake. Will you do it by His grace?

Truly effective soul winners must have a working knowledge of the Word of God, and know how to present the truth with clarity and with wisdom. Sometimes a few verses may be more effective to win some soul than to become too wordy in the discussion. This will take time, study, and application to the revelation of God concerning sin, Heaven, Hell, Christ's death, and His power to save souls. He is, after all, the One who does the saving of a soul. We must learn of Him, "For he is meek and lowly in heart" (Matt. 11:28-30).

### Why Some Do Not Win Souls

There are several reasons why some Christians are not soul winners. There is a lack of passion for souls. Concern for the lost is "the missing link." There is a lack of power from the Holy Spirit in the life. He does not have full co-operation so far as the believer is concerned. There is a lack of wisdom in the approach and the methods of soul winning. Some-



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times there is a lack of courage to appeal to sinners to accept Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour. There may be a lack of love for souls, because one cannot see what God sees in the souls everywhere.

Many Christians are too busy with secular things, the cares of this life, and even friends and relatives, to win souls. Such may have time to do anything which they feel should be done. It is to be admitted that "church work" is not necessarily soul winning. It is to be admitted that "busy activity" is not soul winning. Belonging to church organizations, good as that may be, and even attending their meetings, may not be soul winning. Many times attention to these as the ONLY method of serving God becomes a ground for self-sufficiency so that soul winning is left to the pastor, the evangelist, the missionary, or some other church leader. John 15:1-7 indicates that we are all branches in the true vine, Jesus Christ. We are to bear fruit, more fruit, and much fruit. This is accomplished by abiding in Christ. We become living branches in a living vine, Jesus Christ. Then we'll bear abundant fruit.

Some do not win souls because they have a very deficient knowledge of the Bible, and do not know how to handle it in dealing with souls. Every Christian should avail himself of the wealth of

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## Your Letter Month Letter

By Viola Walden, Editor's Assistant

Have You Written That "Bread and Butter" Letter to Us? Write Today and Get Free "The Double Curse of Booze" and Other Premiums

May is Letter Month. (Closes midnight, June 9.) We suggest the following things you might write us about:

... Tell how you have been blessed by THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

... Tell of those who have been saved through our literature.

... Tell of family altars established, of young people surrendered to full-time Christian service, of restitution made, of spiritual development because of the influence of "America's Foremost Revival Weekly," THE SWORD OF THE LORD, and the books and pamphlets we publish.

Surely, if we think of you constantly, seek to please and bless you in every issue, secure the help of the world's greatest soul winners for sermons and Bible teachings; if we gather reports of wonderful revivals from many evangelists and pastors; if we answer Bible questions of interest to all and show the Christian stand to take on great moral, spiritual and doctrinal issues—if we can do all this for you in THE SWORD OF THE LORD every week, you could write us at least one good personal letter a year!

Dear friend, write that letter today! Tell us you love us; or if you don't love us, then make

any suggestions about ways we can better our relationship with you, how we can improve THE SWORD OF THE LORD, or get out the Gospel further—but write that letter!

Some surely should write and send an offering for Voice of Revival, which is reaching hundreds of thousands with the gospel message at an expense of close to \$1,500 per week. Perhaps you will want to help, and tell us you will help regularly.

Some of you would like to help send subscriptions to others through our Ministers and Missionary Subscription Fund.

Others of you might feel led to help with the Free Literature Fund. Hundreds are saved each year and write to tell us so, through Sword literature. Perhaps you ought to send a subscription to someone. Delay no longer, but send it today. You have promised yourself some important Christian book we sell. Order that book today! Write us a letter!

### Letter-Month Specials

1. Just for your asking, you get free the new, important, much-needed pamphlet, *The Double* (Continued on page 7)

## WHAT WAIT I FOR?

By the late Southern Methodist Evangelist, Sam Jones

WHY PEOPLE DELAY COMING TO CHRIST:

1. Waiting to Think It Over
2. Waiting to Understand the Bible Better
3. "There Is too Much to Give Up"
4. Rejecting Christ Until Hypocrites in Church All Do Right
5. Waiting to Feel Like Coming to Christ
6. "Waiting Until I Get Fit to Come to Christ"
7. "I Am Afraid I Cannot Hold Out"
8. My Hope Is in Christ

"And now, Lord, what wait I for? My hope is in thee."—Psa. 39:7.

In view of all our surroundings, in view of our past life, in view of the present, and in view of all that the future may have for us, I want each man and woman to ask this question, "What wait I for?" Let each one gather up that question in his or her life. Here is life offered, here is Heaven offered. Now, taking the whole situation in, let each man ask himself, "What wait I for?" It is not what your city waits for; it is not what your clique, or clan, waits for; it is not what your family is waiting for; it is, "What wait I for?"

### Waiting to Think It Over

"What wait I for? My hope is in thee." That man, attentive and thoughtful, when we press this question upon him, and ask him what he is waiting for, says, "I am waiting for time to consider this question. This is a momentous question, one for time and eternity, and I do not want to be hurried into a thing of so much importance. I want time to consider this. An intelligent action is based upon wise, careful, intelligent thought, and I want time to consider this great question.

Don't hurry me in this great matter."

Listen to me a moment, friends. Do you want time to consider whether you want to be a good man or a bad man; whether you had rather go to Heaven or Hell; whether it is right to do right, or do wrong; whether it is right to set a good example in your home, or whether it is better to set a bad example? Do you want time to consider questions like these? How long ought it to take a sensible man to decide the question whether he had rather go to Heaven or to Hell? Whether it is better to do wrong than to do right, better to love God and keep His commandments, or better to do wrong and serve the Devil? Is it better to be a born-again child of God or a child of Hell? How much time does a sensible man want on a question like this? It seems to me that any man could



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decide in the twinkling of an eye. I have never seen a moment in my life when if I brought my mind, with all its power, to bear upon these questions for fifteen seconds, I could not decide them. You ask for time to consider a question that some of you have settled twenty years ago. Some of you men settled it even longer ago than that. "It is right to do right, and I ought to do it. It is wrong to do wrong, and I ought not to do it."

Oh, gray-headed fathers away from Christ! Forty years ago you settled the question, that right was right and you ought to do it, and that wrong was wrong and you ought not to do it. Yet what are you waiting for? You certainly do not want time to consider these questions. But again you say, "When I make up my mind about this, I want it done deliberately, carefully, and pray-

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## Do It Now --

Tomorrow May Be Too Late!

By Evangelist Walt Handford, Assistant Editor

All of us tend to put things off. Many of us neglect our correspondence, we neglect to order coal or oil until we are almost out. In these matters neglect may make more work, bring inconvenience or cause embarrassment. But in eternal and spiritual matters neglect may put a soul in Hell, cause the ruin of a family, or hinder the work of God in a church or community.

A man wept as he told me last week of a brother-in-law whom God laid on his heart to win to Christ. As he prayed for the lost man he felt strangely impressed to do what he could to reach the unsaved relative. But he put the matter off. Finally he decided to take his family to visit the man who lived in another state. As they were packing to go, a phone call came saying that the brother-in-law had just died.

He wept as he told me, "I could have written a letter or called him on the phone. If only I had gone sooner!" But he didn't and, as far as we know, the man went to Hell unsaved.

When I worked at Pan American Airways God put it on my heart to talk with my boss about

being saved. He was a fine fellow—the kind of man I enjoyed being with. But he was not saved. I knew the Lord wanted me to talk to him but I kept putting it off. The days passed quickly by and became weeks; the weeks turned into months, and before long the opportunity to talk with him about Christ was gone. I transferred to another department and several months passed.

Then one morning as I came to work I found a crowd of the Pan American employees gathered around one of the large communication radio receivers. As I elbowed my way into the crowd I asked what had happened. One of the men said, "Didn't you hear? Old 99 went down last night." Old 99 was one of our DC3 transport ships that we flew to Alaska. The night before as it was coming in for a landing the plane fell in the Gulf of Alaska and was never heard from again.

Over the radio there came the list of the people who were on board the airplane. There were a number of navy personnel and sev-

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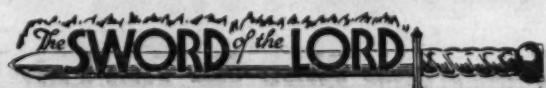
A few weeks ago we told our friends of an emergency need for "Voice of Revival" broadcast. We needed some \$26,900, plus money for the current monthly bill for radio time which was then nearly due. Praise the Lord, some \$13,000 came in and the radio stations have been paid up to date, I believe, except for the bill which just came yesterday. And I trust that in a few days that will be paid too.

But Sword of the Lord Foundation has furnished some \$18,000 worth of pamphlets (13,195 of them) with postage and secretarial help for a year and four months. The broadcast needs the money to pay the Sword of the Lord Foundation.

The Sword is in better financial position that it has been in several years. Our three important properties in downtown Wheaton are fully paid for. We have paid off some of our long-term notes this year. However, the money provided for free literature and postage and secretaries for the broadcast is seriously needed for printing bills now due. A good woman who loaned us several thousand dollars has died and the loan should now be repaid to her estate. As soon as the radio broadcast can pay back the Sword for the literature, postage, and office help provided, the Sword will be greatly relieved. Will you pray and ask God what your part is in the regular expenses of this nationwide broadcast to millions on the "Voice of Revival"?

We do not apologize for getting out the Gospel, and we think it a great privilege for all who feel led of God to help in the broadcast. We are glad to give ourselves and time and money sacrificially, and we know that many others will feel the same.

We need thousands of regular givers who will send \$1.00 or \$5.00 or \$10 a month, perhaps, for this great soul-winning broadcast. We do not ask that you give to this broadcast all the money you have, but only such part as God leads you to give and as He provides. Will you address your letter to John R. Rice, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois? Remember that this work is nonprofit, so recognized by the Federal Government for income tax purposes. Books are carefully kept, receipts are sent for all gifts. Thousands are being blessed and souls are being saved. May we hear from you?



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#### Evangelist Charles A. Himes

The editor's son-in-law, Evangelist Charles A. Himes, has worked with the Sword of the Lord in various capacities for several years. He was on the extension staff as an evangelist, then he ran the Sword Book Room in Wheaton, and now for a year has done fine work as an evangelist.

May 29-June 12 he will be with the Little Brushy Baptist Church near Williamsville, Missouri, in a revival.

June 14-26 he will be in the People's Church at Warren, Ohio, in revival services.

He has some dates open after these engagements.

Evangelist Himes is a graduate of Wheaton College, is fundamental, premillennial, thoroughly in sympathy with the doctrine and principles of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. He is a good Bible preacher, a good singer, a good personal soul winner, and is not money minded. He goes wherever God leads on the freewill offering and expenses basis.

Pastors and churches interested in his services may write Evangelist Charles A. Himes, 801 College Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois.

#### At Dallas, Texas, June 5

Sunday, June 5, will be Homecoming Day at the Galilean Baptist Church, 201 East Tenth Street, Dallas, Texas. Rev. Bob Keyes is the pastor. This church was founded following a big open air revival campaign conducted by this editor in 1932. God is richly blessing under the aggressive leadership of this spiritual, soul-winning pastor. They expect a thousand in Sunday School June 5. We hope that many friends in the Dallas area will be present.

#### One More Notice Before End of "Letter Month" and Subscription Campaign

On June 9, at midnight, the present special subscription offer of new subscriptions in Canada and the United States at \$1.00 for six months rate will be finished. And the special offers of our "Letter Month" will close also. If you wish the free pamphlet of 24 large pages, *The Double Curse of Booze*, then be sure your letter is postmarked before midnight, June 9. If you enclose book orders, subscriptions or gifts amounting to \$5.00 or more, you may have absolutely free the beautiful book of 153 spiritual poems, *Apples of Gold*, value \$1.00, provided your letter is postmarked before midnight, June 9.

If you wish to stock up on the beautiful new printing of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" 24 pages, pink paper, maroon ink, pictured cover, at the special "Letter Month" price of \$1.50 per hundred postpaid, \$14 per thousand postpaid, then make sure your letter gets in the mail postmarked before midnight, June 9!



And how were your eggs for Mother's Day breakfast? What a lot of discussion we have heard about how long eggs should be boiled. Did you know that there are three different methods, all involving different timings? I am sure that doesn't matter much. I only hope that your eggs turned out just as Mother likes them.

Jenny Vaughn, down in Knoxville, Tennessee, wrote a sweet note. She said,

"Dear Aunt Mary,

"My name is Jenny Vaughn. I am nine years old. I would like to join *Kids Korner*. I was eight when I was saved. I was saved on Easter Sunday a year ago. I promise to read my Bi-

ble and pray every day.

"Yours in Christ,  
Jenny"

But Jenny forgot to enclose her 25c membership fee, and so we had to write her a card asking for it. When you send in your membership, don't fail to send 25c to cover the cost of the lovely gold Sword pin.

A lovely note from Mr. and Mrs. Merle Waterman told of how much they have enjoyed *Bird Life in Wington*. Mrs. Waterman is cutting out each chapter and pasting it in the scrapbook they are making up for their little daughter. (At 7½ months old, she isn't quite old enough to enjoy the stories yet.) Some of you will want to cut out the stories and make a scrapbook too, but you should ask Daddy and Mother first, because many preacher-fathers like to keep the whole SWORD OF THE LORD for reference and help. Of course, the whole book can be ordered, and a permanent copy kept. (Our personal copy

We hope to have thousands of subscriptions in these closing days. There will be only one more issue of THE SWORD OF THE LORD in which we can make announcement before the subscription offer and "Letter Month" close.

#### Those Letters—How We Long for Them!

All of us plain, sharp Bible preachers who condemn sin and modernism, who rebuke worldliness and call men to repentance, get plenty of criticism. Jesus preached so plainly and many turned away and followed Him no more. He turned with a hungry heart to His immediate disciples and said, "Will ye also go away?" Paul, in prison at Rome, was sad when he wrote Timothy, "Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world." And for the comfort of his heart he urged Timothy, "Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me" and again to "come before winter" (II Tim. 4:9, 21). I can understand how the Saviour and Paul longed for the comfort of those who remained true, friends who did not forsake them because they were true to God and the Bible. And so we feel the need of the letters from those who stand true. We want you to say that you pray for us. We want you to thank God for a Christian magazine that keeps publishing Bible sermons, calls people to repentance, that stands up for Christ and the Bible. Your love and prayers, your co-operation and help mean much to us.

Comfort our hearts with a letter! Encourage us to go on in this work, this nonprofit missionary enterprise with which we have labored without pay for more than twenty-five years! Help us get out the Gospel and help us to help you. Rush those "Letter-Month" letters to us today!

#### Where Are Those Partners Who Will Take Quotas of 100 Subscriptions in the Next Four or Five Months?

If you will undertake to send fifty or a hundred new introductory subscriptions at \$1.00 each in the United States or Canada within the next four or five months, you may have these introductory subscriptions at \$1.00 for six months. But we should like to know how many partners like this we can count on. You may either show copies of the paper and ask people to hand you \$1.00 each for a trial subscription, or you may use other money the Lord puts in your hands for this cause. Or a church or Bible class may raise subscriptions, or give them. There are hundreds of people who could well invest \$50 or \$100 in the next four or five months in introductory subscriptions to THE SWORD OF THE LORD. You would do great good. You would bless your loved ones, you would honor Christ and have rewards in Heaven.

What pastor or church, what loyal Christian reader will agree to send fifty or one hundred subscriptions in the next four or five months at this special rate for new introductory subscriptions? Address THE SWORD OF THE LORD, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois.

of the book is bedraggled from many readings, and from carrying to Sunday School and other places for public reading.)

We are looking forward, too, to a whole group of new "Sword-Bearer's Club" members. Mrs. Leonard T. Witt writes that before her JOY Club dismisses for the summer she wants to enroll them all in our club. Even during the summer children need to be encouraged to read their Bibles and to pray. They still need to be encouraged to learn the Scriptures. So we look forward to new members from Springfield Gardens, New York.

Do you do better and act right when you know Mother is watching? When your teacher leaves the room for a minute at school, are you one of those who immediately stops work and begins to play or cheat? I hope not! But most of us find it easier to do right when we know we are being watched. A verse I was taught when I was a child has always been a help to me. When I remember that wherever I am, whether alone or with others, God sees me, of course I am more anxious to do what would please Him. I hope you will learn this verse, too:

*Memory Verse:* "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good" (Prov. 15:3).

Now read the chapter from *Bird Life in Wington*.

#### Hidden Talents



He showed Downy how to find the grubs.

"I am worried about Downy," said Mrs. Woodpecker to her husband one night as they were getting ready to roost. "What seems to be the matter?" asked Mr. Woodpecker.

"He is so discouraged," replied Mrs. Woodpecker. "As you know, he had his heart set on being in the Wington Glee Club, but the music director gave him an audition today and discovered that he is a 'monotone' and told him he was wasting his time trying to learn to sing. It is all the harder for him because two of his playmates, Henry Warbler and Johnny Mockingbird, were accepted in the Glee Club. When Downy arrived home he said to me, 'I suppose I just don't have any talent, Mother. Why is it that we Woodpeckers can't sing like other birds?'"

"What did you tell him?" asked Mr. Woodpecker.

"I tried to explain to him," she replied, "that God has given different talents to different birds, and that every one does have some talent with which to praise God. One of these days, I assured him, he would discover his talent. In the meantime, I told him he must be patient and not allow himself to be jealous of the other birds."

"You are a very wonderful mother to our little son," said Mr. Woodpecker. "I am afraid I have not been spending enough time with him lately."

The next morning at breakfast Mr. Woodpecker said, "Downy, I am coming home early from the office today. How would you like to go with me for a flight into the park?"

Of course Downy thought that a wonderful idea. So that afternoon about four o'clock they started out together. Mr. Woodpecker pointed out the different kinds of trees to Downy and told him how certain bugs and insects laid their eggs under the crevices of the bark. He showed Downy how to

find the grubs and to dig them out with his bill.

"There is no use tearing up the bark unless you know a grub is under it," said Mr. Woodpecker. "The thing to do is to tap on it two or three times like this. Then be very still and listen. If a grub is underneath, he will be frightened by the sound and you can hear him move. Then quickly you can peck away the bark, like this, and get him."

"Oh, Mother," exclaimed Downy when they arrived home, "we had the best time in the world. Daddy has promised to take me again."

And he did. Twice every week Mr. Woodpecker and Downy went flying and grub-hunting together in the woods.

Then came what was long remembered in Wington as The Great Scourge. It happened in the spring. Insects seemed to come from everywhere. They bored into the trees, hid under the bark, ate up the sap and the trees began to die. For a time it was feared that all the trees in the park would perish. All the birds in Wington, young and old, were called upon to work in the park every afternoon in an effort to save the trees.

On a certain day the Metropolitan Park Commission staged a contest and offered a gold medal to the school bird which, in one hour, could find and kill the greatest number of grubs.

Of course there were a number of birds who were quite expert in finding the grubs, among them the Nuthatch children, the Flickers and the Chickadees. But Downy's little friends, Johnny

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# Is National Council of Churches Pro-Communist?

By the Editor

A few weeks ago the National Council of Churches protested vigorously because the *Air Force Manual* gave evidence that communism had infiltrated among the clergy of several large denominations and among the leadership of the National Council of Churches. The Air Force Secretary agreed to leave out those statements in the *Air Force Manual*, but the House Un-American Activities Committee went to great detail to show that the statement was restrained and accurate, that there was abundant printed evidence that National Council of Churches leaders had joined in many communist-front activities.

One of the things which the National Council of Churches objects to and wants the Air Force to delete from the *Manual* is the direct quotation from a minister named Claude C. Williams, speaking in the First Baptist Church of Denver, Colorado. He said, "Denominationally I am a Protestant, religiously a Unitarian, and politically I am a communist. I am not preaching to make people good or anything of the sort, but I am in the church because I can reach people easier that way and get them organized for communism."

Fulton Lewis, Jr., national radio news commentator, tell how representative Francis Walter received a telegram from six leaders in the National Council of Churches and leaders in the Presbyterian, Methodist, and Episcopal churches, and United Church of Canada protesting about the congressional committee's material in the *Air Force Manual*. Congressman Walter of Pennsylvania, chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee, wired these leaders in the National Council, "Do you desire the opportunity to appear before the committee on Un-American Activities in order to question the accuracy of the material which came from the committee files and which appeared in the *Air Force Manual*? If you desire such opportunity, we can arrange a time convenient to yourself. (Signed) Francis Walter." None of the six responded nor agreed to testify!

Deacons in the large First Baptist Church of Wichita, Kansas, recently, since they have been very prominent in the American Baptist Convention of which Dr. Dahlberg is a former president (he is now president of the National Council of Churches, pastor of the Delmar Baptist Church, St. Louis) were distressed that that great church was being listed as aligned with the National Council of Churches. The deacons, after much discussion, brought the thing to a public vote in the church and that great church voted by tremendous majority to discontinue membership in the American Baptist Convention which supports the National Council of Churches and to withdraw all financial support from the Convention (the matter of some \$30,000 a year). I think that was March 9.

The *Wichita Eagle* called Dr. Dahlberg long distance and then printed word for word this telephone interview with Dr. Dahlberg, president of the National Council of Churches.

That defense was answered brilliantly by our beloved and trusted contemporary, Editor Noel Smith of *The Baptist Bible Tribune* in the issue of March 25. With the written permission of *The Wichita Eagle*, we here reproduce Dr. Dahlberg's defense and with Editor Noel Smith's written permission, we quote his brilliant answer.

Now consider the evidence and answer the question. Is the National Council of Churches pro-communist in its activities and influence? I do not ask whether Dr. Dahlberg is himself a communist. I do not ask whether Bishop Oxnham and Eugene Carson Blake and other such leaders are themselves communists. That no

one can know because communists keep their membership in the Communist party secret. I do not even charge that nor does our Editor Smith. The simple truth is that socialists and modernists have so

much in common with communism that the National Council of Churches and its modernistic leaders are often pro-communist in their influence and effect. Will you read the evidence for yourself?

## Dr. Dahlberg's Defense He Says 'Apostles of Discord' Are to Blame

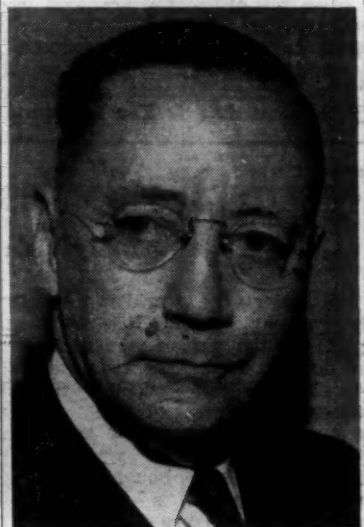
[The following article is a telephone interview with the president of the National Council of Churches by the *Wichita (Kan.) Eagle*, and appears here in its entirety with the permission of that newspaper.]

"It would be a betrayal of my own flesh and blood, my own missionary son, if I were to support in any way the subversive activities of which some disloyal Americans have been guilty."

So said Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, St. Louis, Mo., president of National Council of Churches, in an exclusive telephone interview with *The Eagle*.

When Dr. Dahlberg was called and asked about specific charges made against him in the local First Baptist church controversy, he told *The Eagle*:

"I can conscientiously say that I have no Communist sympathies,



Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg

have never had any connection with the Communist party, and have never signed a petition which I knew to be sponsored by a Communist front group. Whenever I have suspected a petition to be by a Communist front group—and like many other clergymen I have received dozens of them—I have rejected it," Dr. Dahlberg said.

### Liberties Crushed

"I have never had any sympathy with the Communist philosophy, being fully aware that the supreme purpose of the Communist dictatorships is to crush out all our liberties. Many of us have friends in the mission fields who have suffered years of imprisonment at the hands of Communists, and even martyrdom. It is unthinkable that we would betray their memory by any affiliation with a Communist cause," he continued.

The St. Louis minister, who himself is a Baptist minister, continued in a voice deep with emotion: "In my own case I have a medical missionary son whose mission-hospital in upper Burma is only 60 miles from the Chinese border. Every day he must assist refugees who come down out of Communist China, making their escape from the collectivistic farm program of Red China."

### Son in Peril

"My son's work would be the first to be swept out of existence should the Red tide pour down out of Communist China into Burma. It would be a betrayal of my own flesh and blood if I were to support in any way the subversive activities of which some disloyal Americans have been guilty," Dr. Dahlberg added.

Dr. Dahlberg, then, was asked about charges contained in pamphlets issued by a group of 10 deacons in the First Baptist controversy.

What about the charge that he was a member of the Citizens Committee for Harry Bridges and the Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder?

"It is true that back in the 30s and 40s I personally signed some of the petitions that have been indicated by the critics of the National Council of Churches," Dr. Dahlberg said. "It is to be remembered that many of these petitions were circulated long before we were aware of the treacherous methods employed by Communist fronts as we now know."

### Motivation Cited

"Moreover, some were circulated while we were allies of Russia during World War I. Many of the most distinguished Americans signed similar petitions with the best of motivation," the St. Louis Baptist said.

He affirmed, "I can say unqualifiedly I have never signed a Communist front petition when I knew it to be so."

Dr. Dahlberg continued, "I answered these charges openly 14 years ago when I was president of American Baptist Convention. In spite of all these questions having been clarified that far back, the apostles of discord persist in bringing out old straw and beating it all over again."

The president of the National Council of Churches said: "Let me say that the pamphlet entitled, 'How Red is the National Council of Churches?' is simply a reprint of material relating to the old Federal Council of Churches, published years ago. This propaganda can be traced down almost entirely to five or six men."

### Group Attacks

"Practically every one of these men has been out not only to wreck the National Council of Churches but the cooperating denominations. We all should be perfectly clear on the fact that this is an attack not only against the National Council but against the American Baptist Convention, and ultimately against the Southern Baptist Convention or any one of our established denominations. These men are apostles of discord who exploit and thrive on controversy," Dr. Dahlberg said.

The minister was asked about charges made by radio commentator Fulton Lewis Jr., that he had written a letter of intercession for atomic spy Morton Sobell.

His reply: "I interceded in that instance purely on the pastoral and not the political level. Mrs. Sobell came to my study, in tears for her children, and in a spirit of Christian compassion I wrote in behalf of a fair and just consideration of his case as I would write to the judge in behalf of an alcoholic or any other offender against the law whose wife came to me to make a plea for her husband."

Dr. Dahlberg was asked about a statement he reportedly made during a 1959 visit to Formosa: "I don't think our Christianity depends upon freedom."

### Statement Twisted

His reply: "This is another example of the perverted and twisted way in which statements are taken all out of context. The same groups active in this country also are active overseas and had printed in advance of my coming to Formosa that I was pro-Communist, pro-atheist and pro-materialistic."

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"That evening I met these accusers face to face and clarified every question that they asked to the satisfaction of most of those present."

"On coming home, however," Dr. Dahlberg continued, "I find myself quoted as having said Christianity doesn't depend on political freedom. To read that statement without the background of what I actually said is to get an obviously distorted view."

### Authority Quoted

"What I did say was that truth did not depend on freedom so much as freedom depended on truth. I quoted as my authority the greatest teacher who ever walked this earth, our Lord Jesus Christ, who said: 'Know the truth and the truth shall make you free.'"

"I went on to point out to my Formosan listeners that the truth

of Christ is not scientific truth or philosophic truth but truth as incarnate in Himself. If the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

Dr. Dahlberg concluded, "In other words, I was making a strong plea for the Gospel of Jesus Christ as the basis for freedom. This is a doctrine that every right-thinking Christian would agree to."

"But the quote lifted out of context made it look as though I, the speaker, had dismissed political freedom as unimportant. That was the farthest from my thoughts," Dr. Dahlberg affirmed.

He continued, "This is just one example of the distorted propaganda disseminated all over America. As representatives of the National Council of Churches we are determined to resist it to the limit and to expose this propaganda as a source of dissension that suits the Communists all along the line."

## Dr. Dahlberg's Defense Is Not Convincing

By Editor Noel Smith  
Baptist Bible Tribune

On this page today we are reprinting, in its entirety, a telephone interview of the *Wichita (Kan.) Eagle* with the Rev. Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, the president of the National Council of Churches.

As readers of *The Tribune* know, when we criticize a person we always give him, if he so desires, ample space for his defense. For this we neither claim or deserve any credit; it is the decent thing to do. In Dr. Dahlberg's case here today, it was not necessary for him to request us to publish his side; as soon as we read it we asked permission of *The Eagle* to reprint it. We want to give Dr. Dahlberg the same kind of deal that we want to give an angel, a ragged bum, or the Standard Oil Company—a square deal.

Dr. Dahlberg's defense boils down to three points:

1. "It would be a betrayal of my own flesh and blood, my own missionary son, if I were to support in any way the subversive activities of which some disloyal Americans have been guilty."

2. "I can conscientiously say that I have no Communist sympathies, have never had any connection with the Communist Party, and have never signed a petition which I knew to be sponsored by a Communist front group."

3. The source of all the charges against him and the National Council is "the apostles of discord." "These men are apostles of discord who exploit and thrive on controversy."

Before coming to his defense, I wish to make two observations of a general nature.

In the first place, I never have, directly or by implication, charged that the National Council of Churches "is a Communist organization"; that Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam "is a Communist sympathizer"; that Dr. Dahlberg "is a Communist sympathizer."

I have never charged, directly or by implication, any organization, any man, any woman with being a Communist, or with being a Communist sympathizer unless I had conclusive evidence in my hands.

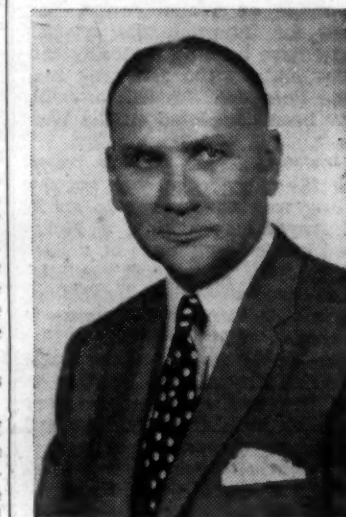
I have charged, I do now charge, I shall continue to charge that these mentioned—and scores more—have, by their attitudes, by their silence, by their words, by their acts, given more aid and comfort to the cause of international Communism than almost any other segment of our population.

Whether they have done this, whether they are now doing it, whether they will continue to do it wittingly or unwittingly, is a question everybody has the right and obligation to decide for himself. For myself, I don't consider it one way or the other; I deal with the authenticated record.

But regardless of whether they do it wittingly or unwittingly, the effect is the same. I am concerned with the effect.

In the second place, I don't get righteously indignant when somebody criticizes "the clergy." I don't

think "the clergy" are sacred bulls. And I unhesitatingly admit that, when the shoe is on the other foot, we fundamentalists are just as touchy about it as the National Council people. With both



Rev. Noel Smith

the National Council and many of the fundamentalists it is a highly crude and improper thing for somebody to criticize "the clergy." I read just today that Francis Cardinal Spellman's tender solicitations are entwining themselves about the Baptist and Protestant and Jewish chaplains upon whom, according to him, the *Air Force's Manual* has cast suspicions. He is motherly concerned for them, to hear him sob it, as he would be for his own dear sighing priests. While everybody is entitled to his own opinion, knowing the Cardinal as I do, my own notion is that he has suddenly become vicarious about these Baptist and Protestant and Jewish chaplains because Roman Catholic Sen. John Kennedy is running for the Democratic nomination for President. And in this campaign—in contrast to the Al Smith campaign—the Roman Catholic hierarchy is going to hold a sugar-teat before the Baptists and Protestants and Jews instead of throwing acid on them. I just can't get up a cry—not even with the help of an onion—when a Roman Catholic cardinal suddenly begins to choke up about Protestant chaplains.

I think criticism—"constructive" and "destructive"—is healthful for all of us; and I prefer the "destructive" to the "constructive." In my life, I have dished out a lot of it; and I have received a lot of it—express prepaid. To be honest about it, I am more indebted to the criticism than I am to the compliments I have received. I don't happen to be the kind of flabby, whining baby who expects to criticize and to receive only praise in return. And I never have, and never will, try to avoid legitimate criticism by hiding behind a clerical gown.

I want Dr. Dahlberg and Bishop Oxnam, and everybody else, to have the same kind of hearing,

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## INCIDENTS

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By  
Evangelist Robert L. Sumner  
Contributing Editor

## Wake Forest Movie Cancelled

In the April 1 issue of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, I told of definite plans for the making of a Hollywood movie at Wake Forest College, a Southern Baptist educational institution in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, which is supported by funds from the Co-operative Program. The film, "High Time," was to be produced by 20th Century Fox and star Bing Crosby, 'Fabulous' Fabian, the rock 'n' roll headliner, Carol Lynley, and an unnamed French actress to be identified later. The production manager for the movie and the dialogue coach were already in Winston-Salem setting up the start of the picture.

In announcing the plans, I expressed hope that the Baptist ministers who rose up in protest over dancing at the same school—and got it banned from the campus—would again stand for right and decency, successfully objecting to the film being made with a background provided by Baptist tithe money originally dedicated to the honor and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am glad to be able to report now that the movie will not be made at Wake Forest. The plans for its production at that locale have been permanently cancelled and by the time you read these lines the film will probably have been completed on the West Coast.

However, I am sad to report that the cancellation was not due in any way whatsoever to spiritual convictions against a Hollywood movie being made on a Baptist campus. There was absolutely no protest—either by college officials or Baptist clergymen in Southern Baptist Convention ranks—to the making of the movie at Wake Forest. The decision to film the picture elsewhere was made by 20th Century Fox and it invoked "expressions of regret" from representatives of the school.

Wake Forest College President Harold W. Tribble went on record with the following statement for the press after receiving the news of the studio's cancellation: "From the time the idea of making the motion picture on our campus was first suggested, the reaction has been one of cordial interest. Now the decision not to make it here brings us disappointment."

When rumors started floating around Winston-Salem to the effect that perhaps the Baptist preachers who brought about the dancing ban might have put their "heavy collective foot down" with regard to the film making, Dr. Tribble issued another statement,

saying: "There was no pressure applied in any way. I did not receive a single letter or telephone call expressing opposition to the movie."

Here is a strange thing: Good Southern Baptists protested with strong words my exposing the plans for the film, yet not one of them protested to the college! Apparently the big sin is in having the audacity to point out error in a beloved denomination, not in the error itself!

According to newspaper reports, the "fly in the ointment" which caused 20th Century Fox to cancel their plans centered around a college objection to the film's opening scene. The picture was scheduled to commence with a girl in the men's dormitory doing a cha-cha-cha. A faculty member was supposed to locate the dancing girl and order her to leave. However, the script called for the male students to lower a rope to the girl and pull her back into the dormitory after the faculty member left. Then there was to be more of the cha-cha-cha!

The college protested the scene but the film company insisted that it was essential to the story. So college authorities gave their permission for the scene, along with several other "concessions" of varying degrees of importance, on the condition that the studio agree to let them okay the girl's attire for the dance and the dance itself.

That was when 20th Century Fox got tired of trying to deal with Baptists and washed their hands of the whole deal, saying, "We feel that parts of the action are not in consonance with the . . . traditions of Wake Forest."

Thus ended the story of the bold attempt by the representatives of Wake Forest to bring Hollywood to a Baptist campus supported and maintained with Baptist tithe money given through the Co-operative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Tribble, "disappointed" as he is, offers his "expressions of regret."

"For my part, I love to stand foot to foot with an honest foe. To open warfare, bold and true hearts raise no objections but the ground of quarrel; it is covert enmity which we have most cause to fear and best reason to loathe. That crafty kindness which inveigles me to sacrifice principle is the serpent in the grass—deadly to the incautious wayfarer. Where union and friendship are not cemented by truth, they are unhallowed confederacy. It is time that there should be an end put to the flirtations of honest men with those who believe one way and swear another."—C. H. Spurgeon.

## Merry Mourners

They had a highly unusual funeral for a fun-loving Frenchman the other day at Brain-Sur-Alones, France. Edouard Ory, a wine man who died at the age of 82, had left specific instructions in

## Book Reviews

## FROM EDEN TO ETERNITY,

by Dr. Howard A. Hanke, Professor of Religion, Asbury College. A lot of truth and some error. It is true that the Christ and the Gospel in the Old Testament are the same as the Christ and the Gospel of the New Testament and that God is the same and sin is the same. And for the author to suppose, as he does, that that is generally contradicted among Christian writers and theologians is, I think, extravagant, perhaps naive. However, he says there are not two different dispensations in the Old and New Testaments, not two different covenants. He says the church was in the Old Testament the same as the New Testament—that is, the Jews were the church. He says the baptism of John the Baptist was simply an Old Testament rite; the terms "religion" and "irreligion" are used very loosely. 196 pages; Eerdmans Publishing Company, \$3.50.

## EXPLORING YOUR BIBLE, A

Complete Study-Method Manual, by Dr. John P. Oakes, Bible teacher in Howard College, Southern Baptist pastor. The idea of a manual, an orientation course on the Bible, is good, and Dr. Oakes has done a lot of hard work.

Unfortunately, his idea about inspiration is shady, rather indefinite. He speaks of "progressive revelation." He says, "Mark . . . had as its source materials oral sayings and narratives, short written records, personal experiences of the author, and a large body of written material known commonly as the 'Logia.' Matthew and Luke drew from this primitive source and also from Mark." And he says, "It is agreed among Bible scholars that this was the case." He speaks of "the extreme verbal inspiration view" and quotes the late Dr. J. B. Tidwell of Baylor University, "To them [the Old and New Testament writers] the inspiration is not just plenary but verbal. They were not left to choose their words promiscuously. Their individuality was preserved, but the words used were given them of God. . . ." And the author differs with Dr. Tidwell. He does not believe in verbal inspiration, but believes, he says, in "the dynamical theory."

In an extensive Bibliography of three pages, we find that although he studied Buttrick's *The Interpreter's Bible* and Goodspeed of the University of Chicago and many, many other liberals, Gaussen, the greatest giant on this question, is not even mentioned, and there is no evidence that Dr.

his will about his last rites and they were fulfilled to the letter. He was buried to music and toasted with his own merchandise.

Ory's remains were carried to the cemetery by local firemen and the municipal band gathered in a circle around his coffin to play the Marseillaise completely through two times. When the music was finished, the two groups—firemen and musicians—retired to "The Cave of Death's Wine," a cellar cabaret, and there the merry mourners consumed the wine Ory had left behind.

Well did the friend who sent me the story comment: "There will be no merry mourners who drink the wine of God's wrath!" Our Lord, Jesus Christ has described that bitter, woeful time in the words: "The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night. . . ." (Rev. 14:10, 11). Thus saith the One who is described as treading "the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God" (Rev. 19:15).

## Pray for Evangelist Sumner's meetings:

Thru June 5:  
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Oakes even knew about Gaussen or B. H. Carroll or Warfield and Robert Dick Wilson of Princeton. He mentions Laird Harris's good book favorably without seeming to have read the part on inspiration which shows up his own foolish position. The book is for inspiration but not verbal inspiration. There are many useful facts in it, but for this reason we cannot recommend it. 155 pages, a good index, cloth; Zondervan Publishing House, \$2.95.

## THE MINISTER AND HIS MINISTRY, by Mark W. Lee. The subtitle is "The Minister's Complete Handbook of Professional Guidance."

Mr. Lee has gone from Nyack to Wheaton College to Northwestern Schools to Whitworth College. His viewpoint is now that of the rather liberal Presbyterian school. This, of course, does not profess to be a book of doctrine. These days there are a good many who are nominally conservative in theology, but with liberal friendships and viewpoints. Among the "great preachers" praised for long pastorates are Ralph Sockman, Harry Emerson Fosdick, George A. Buttrick and Henry Sloane Coffin. In recommending books for preachers he says, "The books of Harry Emerson Fosdick are highly productive of devotional thought no matter what theological shade of opinion the reader may hold." He says, "On theology we cannot doubt that the finest work is being done by liberal theologians as represented in Karl Barth, Emil Brunner, Paul Tillich, the Niebuhr brothers, and others." We do not agree with his praise for either the sermons or the theology of unbelievers and enemies of the Bible. In recommending commentaries he says, "The current favorite of recent publication date is *The Interpreter's Bible* and espouses a modern position in Bible interpretation." He favorably refers to Norman Vincent Peale and John Sutherland Bonnell.

On the whole the book is rather routine. On important matters the book is not specific enough for preachers of strong conviction, though the instructions will tend toward smoothness in routine matters of the ministry. 280 pages; Zondervan Publishing House, \$3.95.

**WHY DID CHRIST DIE?** The Greatest Theme in the World, by F. E. Marsh. A reprint of a good book. Marsh was born in England in 1853, died in 1931. Spent some years in the Gospel Tabernacle in New York City. Was associated with Dr. Simpson in the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Here are 13 chapters on the atonement. They are scriptural, meaty, with many scriptural quotations and comments from many good men. 199 pages, cloth; Zondervan Publishing House, \$2.95.

## REVIVALS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT, by Dr. C. E.

Autrey, Professor of Evangelism, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. There are nine chapters on "Revival," "The Revival at Sinai," "The Revival Under Samuel," "The Revival on Mount Carmel," "The Revival at Nineveh," "The Revival Under Asa," "The Revival Led by Hezekiah," "The Revival Under Josiah," "The Post-Captivity Revival."

Dr. Autrey has been a successful evangelistic pastor, then served as an evangelist, and he combines a fervent spirit and scholarship with a good Southern Baptist background of revivals and soul winning. There are 160 pages; Zondervan Publishing House, \$2.95.

## The World's Greatest Bargain—Only 4c

By Viola Walden

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This 4c bargain—a simple letter—is like that. You can't buy a letter—at least, not that one you want most. And if you did, it would lose its greatest value—the desire on the part of the sender to write it.

Letters! How many there are of them—winging their way through the air, speeding over mountain and plains by fast train, being carried by faithful postmen over muddy country roads and through crowded city streets!

But in all the thousands there is sometimes only one of importance to that person waiting . . .

To the aged, humble mother who stops her dishwashing and dries her hands to look anxiously into the mailbox and then up and down every street for the postman as if that were the first day instead of the long, dragging twenty-seventh since her son went away without a single word of goodbye . . .

To the student who rushes between classes to the university post office, pushes his way through the crowd until he can see box No. 728, reaches and strains over the heads and shoulders of his crowding fellow-students to unlock the mailbox, take out the letters and tear open the one in a tan

envelope addressed in brown ink . . .

To the young man, waiting in death row of San Quentin, staring fixedly and with bated breath, waiting for the sound of footsteps—footsteps of the prison postman who will bring him word from his folks, and perhaps that coveted parole . . .

To the girl, with sweetheart far away, who hurries (though she is an hour early) the half mile to the rural mailbox, unmindful of the beauty of the spring morning—her eyes full of love and expectancy . . .

To the workers in *Sword of the Lord* office (some thirty) prayerfully, expectantly, eagerly waiting to hear from you—but working while they wait.

The very existence of this work depends on letters. And how they come!—between five hundred and a thousand a day, and more: fat letters, lean letters, typewritten letters, handwritten letters, white letters, pink letters, green letters; letters from country folk and city folk; letters from the north, the south, the east, the west, and from over the seas. We rejoice over them, praise God for them, sometimes weep and pray over them!

But we want *your* letter! No other will take its place during May—Letter Month. How else can we know whether you have been helped through our efforts? Whether some precious soul has been saved; whether, through God-given counsel, some important problem in your life has been solved; whether your love for the Saviour has been increased; whether you have had His power to win souls.

Only one more reminder! Letter month closes June 9!

We are waiting! Write today to *SWORD OF THE LORD*, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois.

## Looking for Christ

G. CAMPBELL MORGAN, DISTINGUISHED BRITISH CLERGYMAN, SAID, "I NEVER BEGIN MY WORK IN THE MORNING WITHOUT THINKING THAT PERHAPS HE MAY INTERRUPT MY WORK AND BEGIN HIS OWN. I AM NOT LOOKING FOR DEATH. I AM LOOKING FOR HIM."

## Dr. Bob Jones SAYS:

I quote below from a letter from a Bob Jones University graduate who is pastor of a good, orthodox church in the state of Pennsylvania: "More and more in this day of confusion and apostasy I am convinced that the ministry and work of Bob Jones University are needed. I am surely happy it was my privilege to attend the school and get the right slant on life and the ministry. May God always keep you, Dr. Bob, and the school faithful."

I wish all of the uncompromising, orthodox, Bible-believing Christians over America could see the letters that come to our desk. If you could only know what we know about what God is doing through Bob Jones University you would want to help us carry our heavy burden. Remember, you can help us in three ways. First: You can pray for us daily and earnestly.

Second: You can help us line up the right kind of young people who can be trained as business people, school teachers, preachers, and in other walks of life so they will go out and stand firmly for the testimony of the Word of God in this day of religious compromise.

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"Letter Month" Letters to Be Mailed by Midnight, June 9

By the Editor

As Jesus went up to Jerusalem, through Samaria, He came to a village and ten lepers there begged Him, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." He commanded them to go show themselves to the priests, as the Mosaic law required, and they found they were healed. But only one returned to thank the dear Saviour! And Jesus said very sadly, "Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger" (Luke 17:17, 18).

How often we do not give glory to God for blessings received! How often we forget even to say thank you to those who have been used of God to instruct us, or inspire us, or bless us!

Last week we received a letter from a reader of THE SWORD OF THE LORD who said she had taken the paper many, many years and, "This is the first letter I have ever written you." And she wrote to complain! After many, many years of instruction and blessing, she found one thing she did not like, so she wrote immediately to scold us about that! I believe she might have glorified God if she had written occasionally to thank us for blessings received. Surely it does not honor God for Christians to read THE SWORD OF THE LORD, then return the evil of neglect for all the care and prayer and love and work put into THE SWORD OF THE LORD which has made it a blessing to them!

Well, we have set aside the month of May as "Letter Month." And we have extended that until midnight, June 9, so that thousands may write a word of encouragement. At least you could tell us that you love us and pray for us. Perhaps if you were thoughtful and grateful, you might tell of some blessing received, some instruction given, some comfort in the pages of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. It would be a queer kind of Christian who could learn nothing, could get no blessing from all the rich sermons published in this, America's Foremost Revival Weekly. And even if you do not agree with everything in THE SWORD OF THE LORD, surely Christian brotherliness and gratitude would probably lead to an expression of love and an assurance of prayer. We want to hear from you!

Through these years we have received about eight thousand letters from people who wrote to tell us that they had found Christ through THE SWORD OF THE LORD and through our literature! How we rejoice! Hundreds and hundreds of preachers have written to tell us that through THE SWORD OF THE LORD they were led into the ministry, or that they were kept from modernism, or that they first learned the truth of the premillennial coming of Christ, or that they first got straight in their minds the doctrine of salvation by grace and God's eternal keeping of His own, as they read the sermons and Bible studies.

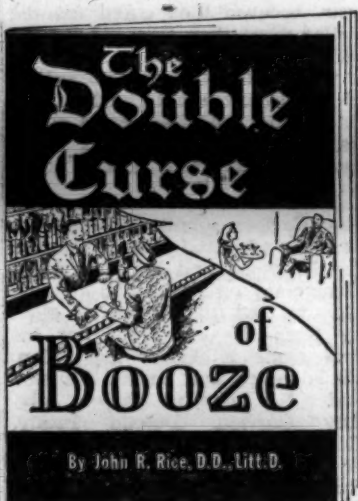
At least you could write, as hundreds do, to say they thank God that someone still upholds the verbal inspiration of the Bible and makes much of the fundamentals of the faith. At least you could thank God that here are printed the greatest sermons written in this generation and in the past. We want your letters. We want you to glorify God by a kindly, Christian letter.

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# Dahlberg's Defense Is Not Convincing

(Continued from page 3)

and to receive the same kind of consideration that I demand for myself. And so far as I am concerned, they shall have it. So far as I have been concerned, they have always had it. I doubt if anybody is going to get to Heaven on the negations of the National Councilors or on the virtues of the fundamentalists.

Let's keep the atmosphere clean and wholesome and fight it out like men. If we give we ought to be willing to take. If I meet Bishop Oxnun on a street in Heaven (and I won't unless he gets converted, which I hope he will), I don't want him to be able to look at me and say, "You hit me below the belt down there on earth."

And now back to Dr. Dahlberg's defense.

In the face of his record his defense is not at all convincing. Let's examine his three main points.

## POINT NUMBER ONE

He says it would be a betrayal of his own flesh and blood if he were to "support in any way the subversive activities of which some disloyal Americans have been guilty."

## There Is the Case of Harry Bridges

Harry Bridges (Alfred Renton Bridges) was born in Melbourne, Australia, in 1900. He came to the United States in 1920 as an immigrant seaman. In San Francisco, he became a longshoreman and militant labor organizer. In 1934, he led the West Coast maritime workers' strike, which expanded into an abortive general strike. In 1937, he became West Coast director of the C. I. O. In 1939 proceedings were instigated to deport him as an alien Communist.

In 1940, the House of Representatives passed a bill to deport him, which was ruled (in 1945) illegal by the Supreme Court. Bridges became a naturalized citizen in 1945. He supported Henry Wallace for President in 1948; in 1948, he was ousted as C. I. O. regional head.

In 1950, he was convicted and sentenced to a five-year term for swearing falsely at his 1945 naturalization hearing that he had never been a member of the Communist Party.

And so the final windup was that Bridges was convicted and sentenced to five years for swearing that he had never been a member of the Communist Party.

On April 22, 1943, Dr. Dahlberg joined a group of radicals in signing an open letter to President Roosevelt demanding that Bridges not be sent back to Australia. The letter that Dr. Dahlberg signed praised Bridges. Here is a paragraph of it:

"Clearly, Mr. Bridges has aroused the animosity of an influential minority because of his successful union activities and his political and economic beliefs. Equally clearly, the whole nation is today reaping the benefits of his union activity. We know that you, Mr. President, yourself a church man, believe with us that there is no more place in our American life for political and economic persecution than there is for religious persecution and vigorously condemn both as disruptive of our unity and subversive of our national effort."

And so, under the sweet and gentle handling of Dr. Dahlberg and his colleagues Harry Bridges suddenly undergoes a prestochange, Dr. Dahlberg and his friends furnishing the presto and Mr. Bridges the change. Mr. Bridges is being "persecuted" for his political and economic beliefs. Mr. Bridges is in the same predicament as the martyrs who were persecuted for their religious beliefs. Mr. Bridges is an asset to the unity of our nation in this time of war. We simply cannot afford to be without Mr. Bridges and his contributions.

But the C. I. O., later, had other ideas of Mr. Bridges. And so did a jury of Mr. Bridges' peers. And so did a presiding judge.

## The McCarran Act

On Sept. 23, 1950, the Congress passed, over President Truman's veto, what is known as the Mc-

Carra Act. The act provided for registration of Communist and Communist-front organizations, and for the internment of Communists during national emergencies, and prohibited employment of Communists in national defense work. The act prohibited from entry into the United States anyone who had been a member of a totalitarian organization.

The following March 28, the act was amended to give special consideration to anyone forced to join a totalitarian organization when he was under 16 and who joined it in order to live.

The McCarran Act is a part of our great body of law governing immigration. Immigration comes under the department of internal security. Our immigration laws always have been and are today among the most humane, considerate, and generous of any nation on this earth. From 1820 through 1950, 39,325,482 people were admitted to our country from all parts of the earth. There were 621,704 from Europe; 31,780 from Asia, and 354,804 from the Americas. From 1941 through 1950, we permitted 1,035,039 people to come here from all parts of the world.

In 1952, the entire field of immigration and nationality laws was again codified by the McCarran-Walter Act of 1952, which became a law over President Truman's veto. This act made all Asiatics eligible for naturalization and immigration, extended the quota system to all Asian countries, gave a preference to immigrants with special skills and with family connections in the United States, and introduced new qualifications for immigration and naturalization which were designed to prevent the entrance of those who would be classified as undesirable by any sensible and alert government.

Among the undesirable were the Communists.

The new laws also were designed to facilitate the rapid naturalization of aliens lawfully in this country. A previous provision making it necessary for an alien to file a declaration of naturalization two years before he could receive it, was repealed.

In 1954, due to changing conditions, further changes were made in the act. Formerly, if one had committed a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, he was automatically barred from entering this country. But Rep. Walter (the "witch hunter," according to the Dahlbergs), explained that previously persons who because of starvation in Germany had taken a loaf of bread or failed to return a ration card were barred from entering the United States along with real criminals. Among some of these were, said Mr. Walter, wives of American soldiers who had married abroad.

The act was enthusiastically amended to make the proper exceptions in all such cases.

How much more humane and considerate and generous could our immigration laws be? The letter and spirit of these immigration laws have always welcomed to this blessed land as many people from every part of the earth as we thought we could make provision for. The exceptions have been, and are, the anarchists and Communists, whose religion is the destruction of orderly society. Our immigration laws are designed to keep every one of the scoundrels out of this country that we can keep out.

Now back to Dr. Dahlberg.

We shall not get him confused and mixed up in all the immigration acts that have been passed. We shall keep the record straight.

He is involved in the McCarran Act of 1950, not in later acts.

Very well; what did the McCarran Act of 1950 provide? As we have already seen (and in its historical context), the McCarran Act provided for:

The registration of Communists and Communist-front organizations; for

The internment of Communists during national emergencies; and Prohibited employment of Communists in national defense work.

The act also prohibited from entry into the United States anyone who had been a member of a totalitarian organization.

Now what is so wrong about that act?

Why shouldn't Communist and Communist-front organizations be required to register, just as legitimate lobbyists are required to register?

What's wrong with isolating known Communists when your boys are fighting to preserve your liberties and your homes from destruction by the Communists?

What's wrong with keeping a Communist from working on the engine of a bomber your son will fly over the Communist hell in the defense of your liberties and your home?

What's wrong with doing everything we can to keep the German Nazis, the Italian Fascists, and the Soviet Communists out of this country?

But what happened after the passage of the act?

A howl went up from the Communist and Communist-front gutters. The McCarran Act was inhumane, it was tyrannical, it was against human brotherhood, it was undemocratic; in short, it was of the Devil.

So yelled they all.

They organized a committee: National Committee to Repeal the McCarran Act.

According to the official stationery of that committee, the committee had 31 "initiators." According to that same official stationery, Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg was one of those "initiators."

This committee prepared a letter to Congress demanding the repeal of the McCarran Act. A copy of that letter was delivered to every senator and every representative.

One of the signatures on that letter was that of Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg.

And yet Dr. Dahlberg tells us in the telephone interview we have published here today that "I have never signed a Communist-front petition when I knew it to be so."

He puts a heavy strain on our credulity when he asks us to believe that he is that stupid.

## Earl Browder

Earl Browder was the general secretary of the Communist Party in the United States. He was charged, tried, convicted, and sent to the Federal penitentiary for perjury in connection with his possession of a false American passport.

Of course the Communists wanted their general secretary out of the penitentiary. They organized the Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder. The Attorney General of the United States branded the organization as "communistic and subversive."

On the official stationery of that committee Dr. Dahlberg was listed as one of the "prominent Americans who favor Presidential clemency for the release of Earl Browder."

This is by no means the end of Dr. Dahlberg's association with Communist-front activities in this country, but we shall stop here. This brings us to—

## POINT NUMBER TWO

"I can conscientiously say that I have no Communist sympathies, have never had any connection with the Communist Party, and have never signed a petition which I knew to be sponsored by a Communist-front group."

Now, I do not charge Dr. Dahlberg with being a Communist sympathizer. But I do ask Dr. Dahlberg, and I would ask the angel Gabriel, this:

How could it be possible for Dr. Dahlberg to give more aid and encouragement to downright Communist propaganda than he gave in these three cases—to mention but three of a long list—without taking a position in a picket line? In these three cases Dr. Dahlberg, apparently, did what he was requested to do. All of his influence and prestige was on the side of Harry Bridges and against the efforts of the government to deport him; was on the side of the haters of the McCarran Act and against the Congress that had adopted it in the interests of the security of the American people, and was on the side of the "communist subversive" committee working to get Earl Browder out of the penitentiary and against the Attorney General who was trying to keep him in there.

According to Dr. Dahlberg's consistent record, the Justice Department

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## Dahlberg's Defense Is Not Convincing

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ment, the F. B. I., the courts and juries are *always* wrong; the Harry Bridges, the screamers, and yellers against the McCarran Act, and the Earl Browders, are *always* right.

And what is true of Dr. Dahlberg is true, as everybody who knows anything about it knows, of the majority of the leaders of the National Council of Churches.

As to these Communists being "persecuted" for their "political and economic opinions," their political and economic opinions demand the destruction of the American Republic and the substitution therefore of Communist despotism. I for one don't get worked up over Communists' being "persecuted" for their "political and economic opinions."

But Dr. Dahlberg makes an incredible admission. He says that he "never signed a petition which I knew to be sponsored by a Communist-front group."

What kind of a group did he believe was sponsoring the effort to block the Federal Government's efforts to send Harry Bridges back to Australia?

What kind of a group did he believe was sponsoring the effort to destroy the McCarran Act?

What kind of a group did he believe was sponsoring the effort to get the general secretary of the Communist Party out of the Federal penitentiary?

In view of the facts, Dr. Dahlberg—to be as charitable as we can with him—tells everybody that when it comes to this international effort of the Communists to wreck all the orderly governments of the earth and destroy the Christian religion, that he, Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, is as gentle and naive and innocent as Mary's little lamb asleep on the steps of the Little Red Schoolhouse.

And yet Dr. Dahlberg heads an organization which claims the sole right to speak for all the Baptist and Protestant churches in the United States! A great many Christian people in this country don't have any more sense than to believe that if the president of the National Council of Churches is as sheepheaded as Dr. Dahlberg unwittingly admits that he is, the organization he represents and speaks for is as irresponsible and gullible as he is; otherwise he wouldn't be its president.

And the most serious aspect of the matter is that every president of the National Council has had the identical attitude toward Communist propaganda that Dr. Dahlberg's record shows him to have. The same thing was true of the old Federal Council officials.

Would you be willing to be a passenger on a steamship across the Atlantic if you knew that the captain knew no more about the dangers and perils of the sea than Dr. Dahlberg unwittingly admits that he knows about the nature, aims, and methods of Communism?

I say this amazing gullibility is characteristic of National Council leaders. Before the Un-American Activities Committee in Washington in July, 1953, Bishop Oxnham admitted that it was probable that he was a sucker on the Communist mailing lists.

Now it isn't nice to see a man who has been blown up by publicity as one of the most brilliant and capable religious leaders in the United States sit before the whole country and admit that he is a sucker for Communist propaganda. Here are the words that were spoken, as reported by the official reporters:

*Rep. Clardy:* Let me tell you something that prompted my question. We have a lot of sworn testimony to the effect that many good people have been placed on what they call a "sucker list" and that they use those names either by notification or otherwise and it has just occurred to me in view of your statement that your name got on one of those "sucker lists." I will ask you if you do not agree that that is a tenable theory.

*Bishop Oxnham:* It seems to me that might well be so when dealing with people who have no morality that they will do anything that tends to their ends.

I was sitting within 10 feet of the bishop when he made that extraordinary admission. It came as quite a shock to his enthusiastic followers who filled the Senate caucus room where the hearing was being held. Most of us had rather be an out and out Communist than be a Communist sucker.

Should the interests of the Baptist and Protestant churches of the United States be confided to

the hands of these Communist suckers?

### POINT NUMBER THREE

According to Dr. Dahlberg, all the charges against the National Council and its leaders originate with a handful of malcontented mercenaries he refers to as "apostles of discord who exploit and thrive on controversy."

If this is true it is a reflection on the intelligence and character of a laymen's committee of the National Council, which was dissolved in 1955 because of its charges of socialism in the council leadership. The committee was composed of 190 people; 20 of them represented education, 15 banking, 29 manufacturing, 14 labor-union executive positions, 15 law, 10 medicine, and eight agriculture, to mention but a few.

To say that the only trouble was that originating from a handful of "apostles of discord" is to brand these 190 National Council laymen as little above morons. That is plain slander.

And here before our eyes we see the First Baptist church of Wichita, Kansas, the largest congregation in the American Baptist Convention, withdraw from the Convention because of its affiliation with the National Council. The vote was 1,170 to 235. The action was taken after months of discussion. Meantime, representatives of the National Council and the American Convention were invited to appear before the church and discuss the issue, which they did. And after they had appeared, the vote was taken.

To say that the only issue in that church was an issue raised by a handful of "apostles of discord" brands that membership as being little more than moronic. That is plain slander.

Where did Dr. Dahlberg get that phrase "apostles of discord"?

He got it from Ralph Lord Roy's book, *Apostles of Discord*, which was published by the Beacon Press of Boston in 1953. In this book, Mr. Roy brands about everybody but the National Council, Fatherhood-of-God-and-Brotherhood-of-Man, and the Gentlemen Fundamentalist preachers as "apostles of discord." The Tribune and its editor were so classified.

Where did Mr. Roy get most of his material for his book? He tells us himself. He says that he got a great part of it from the Friends of Democracy, and particularly Leon M. Birkhead. "Of the many organizations and organizational officials who have supplied me with valuable material," Mr. Roy tells us in his preface, "several merit special credit: Friends of Democracy, and particularly Leon M. Birkhead . . ."

In the December, 1953, issue of the magazine "Expose," L. M. Birkhead, president of the Friends of Democracy, said the following:

"During recent years, the research department of Friends of Democracy under my direction has helped to produce books which have made a tremendous dent on the thinking of America.

"The first of these was, *Under Cover*, by John Roy Carlson, followed by his *The Plotters*. These books sold almost a million copies and have been widely quoted and imitated.

"Add to the list Henry Hoke's *Black Mail*, and *It's a Secret* and E. A. Piller's *Time Bomb*—all of them best sellers.

And now we have the current best seller, *Apostles of Discord*, by Ralph Lord Roy.

"ALL OF THE AFOREMENTIONED BOOKS WERE EITHER WRITTEN IN THE FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OR BY MEMBERS OF THE F. F. D. STAFF." (Capitals mine.)

And now, who is Dr. Birkhead? As a young man he was in the Methodist ministry. He became a Unitarian. For more than 25 years Birkhead has sneered and scoffed at the Christian faith and its ministers. He helped Sinclair Lewis write his *Elmer Gantry*, which is a gutter attack on the ministry. Birkhead has become so notorious that he has even been blacklisted by the Anti-Defamation League.

When a man gets too radical for the Anti-Defamation outfit, Khrushchev is a shrinking violet when compared to him.

Dr. Birkhead says that he and his Friends of Democracy staff helped John Roy Carlson manufac-

ture his *Under Cover*.

Who is John Roy Carlson?

John Roy Carlson's *Under Cover* was the book that the Walter Winchells, the Birkheads and all the radicals of this country whooped up as a book almost as much in the interest of the American people as the Constitution of the United States. This John Roy Carlson, according to that yelling crowd, was a guardian of our liberties.

In September, 1946, George Washington Robinson, executive secretary of the Church League of America, brought a libel suit in Federal court in Chicago against Carlson and his publishers, E. P. Dutton, Company. A jury found both the author and the publishers guilty. When the verdict was returned, here is what Federal Judge John P. Barnes said in open court:

"I think this book was written by a wholly irresponsible person who would write anything for a dollar. I think the book was published by a publisher who would do anything for a dollar. I don't believe an investigation of this author was made by the publishers, to the extent they say there was, because they cared for the dollar more than they did for the almighty truth.

"I wouldn't believe this author if he was under oath, and I think he and the publisher are as guilty as any one who ever was found guilty in this court before."

Under cross-examination, John Roy Carlson admitted he was a liar. He admitted that he worked for Birkhead and his Friends of Democracy outfit for \$50 a week. He admitted that he was an alien by birth. He admitted that his real name is Avedis Derounian. He admitted that he had traveled under the following aliases: John Roy Carlson, Donald Brady, George Alexander, Thomas Decker, Henry Renard, John Correa, Rudolph Elbert, George Page, George Paganelli. He admitted that he had written articles for outright Communist publications, and that he wrote those articles under his real name, Avedis Derounian.

And now, the same Birkhead who boasts that he and his Friends of Democracy outfit helped this John Roy Carlson manufacture his book of lies and slanders, which reportedly sold almost a million copies, boasts that he and

his crowd helped Ralph Roy prepare his book, *Apostles of Discord*. What does Ralph Roy himself say about it?

"Of the many organizations and organizational officials who have supplied me with valuable material, several merit special credit: Friends of Democracy, and particularly Leon M. Birkhead . . ."

Who else helped Roy?

" . . . the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and particularly Jack Baker-Bachrach and Mortimer Kass; the American Jewish Committee, and particularly Moses Jung and George Kellman; and the U. S. A. Conference of the World Council of Churches, and particularly Miss Eleanor Kent Browne."

This is the literary Eden that gave birth to Dr. Dahlberg's "apostles of discord."

Dr. W. E. Garrison, a pronounced modernist, a one worlder, an internationalist, and a National Counciler, reviewed Mr. Roy's book for the modernist *Christian Century*. He spoke of the "apostles of discord" as nuisance groups, fanatical fringes, *fantasies* of hatred, sowers of suspicion and disseminators of discord.

But he hasn't got it all off his chest yet.

" . . . rabble-rousing demagoguery backed by organizing ability has produced some movements as formidable in size as vicious in spirit. A book about these slimy citizens must, if it is to have any value, be written by a responsible man who has done careful research."

That "responsible" man was Mr. Ralph Lord Roy. Most of Mr. Roy's "careful research" was done, according to his own admission, in Leon Birkhead's garbage cans.

For one's perceptions, intellectual processes, and spiritual discernment to be at variance with the National Council's Dahlbergs, Oxnams, Garrisons, and Roys is not necessarily degrading.

To be classified by these swelled ecclesiastical toads as "apostles of discord" is far more honorable than being known as their fawning, servile dupes.

At least, nobody has seen one of these "apostles of discord" flopping from the end of a hook on a Communist sucker-list trotline.

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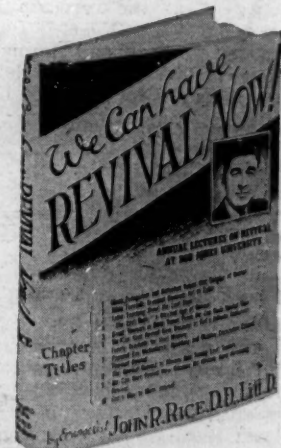
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This heavy cross  
It is a gift the Lord bestows,  
And not a loss;  
It is a trust that He commits  
Unto thy care,  
A precious lesson He has deigned  
With thee to share.  
Rejoice that He so honors thee  
And so esteems,  
That He should give into thy hands  
The things He deems  
Of highest worth; the crown of thorns  
With Him to wear,  
And all the suffering of that crown  
With Him to bear,  
That by and by His glory, too,  
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Bob Galloway of Kingsport, Tennessee

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"I had been in doubt all my life and worried a lot until one day not long ago I saw a little book lying—someone had thrown it away. I saw the words on the front cover, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' I grabbed it up like someone had found a five-dollar bill and read every word of it. When I got through tears were running down my cheeks and I found myself praying and thanking God for the book and what it had done for me. It was like I was in a dark room and someone had turned the light on. I could see and understand. I saw your name and address. I had to write and tell you just what you and God had done for me by reading the book. It won't be thrown away. It was a deed to my heavenly home."

### Man Understands Salvation After Reading "Ruin of a Christian"

Rev. W. R. Sale of Cinda, Kentucky, writes: "It may encourage you to know that a man in our community read your book, *The Ruin of a Christian*, that we placed in the lending library. He was tossed for several years between the gospel of grace we preach and baptismal regeneration.... After reading your book he told his wife he now understood the plan of salvation clearly for the first time..."

Pastor Bard Marshall of First Baptist Church, Lacombe, Oregon,

says that "THE SWORD OF THE LORD is required reading for the deacons of my church..."

### Two Reported Conversions Through "What" As Told By Pastor

Rev. Edward Toulson of Bethel Baptist Church in Union Point, Georgia, writes the following interesting letter:

"While visiting a friend of ours in Macon, Rev. J. W. Harwell, Bloomfield Gardens Baptist Church, Mrs. Harwell told of asking a lady if she was saved. When she answered she was, Mrs. Harwell gave her some tracts and told her as a Christian she should be a witness for the Lord. The lady went home, read your tract and as a result said that she was lost and then trusted Christ as her Saviour. The night we were visiting in Brother Harwell's services this same lady came to tell others of her salvation."

"The other experience was a personal one. Members of our Fellowship had a grandson twelve years old who had been sick all his life. He was growing worse every day and was hospitalized several weeks before he died. While in the hospital I visited him and talked with him and gave him a tract. Though the lad had a very smart mind, he had become very

weak bodily and so asked his grandmother to read it to him. The grandmother did and he told her he wanted Jesus to save him. He asked Jesus, to come into his heart and save him. This happened only a few days before his death. May God continue to use your tract..."

### Woman Asks How to Be Saved

A Mrs. A. R. of Duncannon, Pennsylvania, says, "Will you please tell me how to get saved. I am the one who wrote you and told you I didn't believe I was saved. Now I don't know how to get saved. Will you please tell me how? It will relieve my mind very much if I knew." You may be sure we did write to make it clear.

### Six to Be Baptized After Reading Sermon in Sword

"I read your sermon on Baptism in the last SWORD. What a blessing it was. And not to me only—I had the privilege of passing it on to a family of six adults whom we recently led to Christ. They are to be baptized Sunday. So you see how opportune the sermon was," writes Mr. Harold Walcott of Laramie, Wyoming.

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## A Lesson of Love

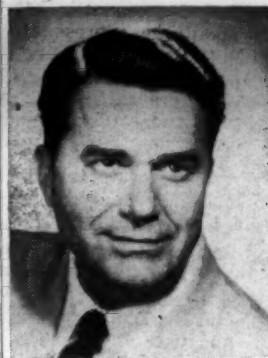
As a group of college students toured the slums of a city, one of the girls, seeing a little girl playing in the dirt, asked a guide, "Why doesn't her mother clean her up?"

"Madam," he replied, "that girl's mother probably loves her, but she doesn't hate dirt. You hate dirt, but you don't love her enough to go down there and clean her up. Until hate for dirt and love for that child are in the same person, that little girl is likely to remain as she is."

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## With the EVANGELISTS

By the Editor

**EVANGELIST ERNIE HAWBECKER**, 700 East Bowman Drive, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, held a meeting at the Bible Baptist Church of Aberdeen, Maryland, April 10-17. Ronald Holec, pastor of the church, reports 37 conversions and 25 other decisions among Christians during the meeting.

**EVANGELIST PHIL SHULER**, 5760 West 60th, Arvada, Colorado, was with the Grace Baptist Church of Richmond, California, March 6-20. There were 41 first-time decisions, a number of rededications, and the church family was revived and blessed according to the pastor, Dr. G. S. Lemmon.

**REV. JOHN JASON**, 527½ West Tenth Street, Ashland, Ohio, closed a revival Easter Sunday night in the Taylor Center Baptist Church, Taylor, Michigan. Aubrey W. Henderson, pastor, reports 65 people saved and a real moving among God's people. On the closing Sunday all records were broken in Sunday School with 1,027 in attendance and 42 being saved during that Sunday School hour.

**EVANGELIST JIM ANDERSON**, Box 678, Wichita, Kansas, conducted a meeting in the First Baptist Church of Kingman, Kansas, recently. There were 5 conversions, 36 rededications, 6 who came for baptism, and 10 who united with the church.

Rev. Tom Douros, pastor of the Community Church of Norfolk, Virginia, reports two meetings held in recent months in his church. The first week of January **REV. TIMOTHY P. BAILEY** held a revival there with 8 saved, 6 dedications, and 1 who came for assurance of salvation. April 10-17 **EVANGELIST BILLY COMFORT** conducted a revival in this church with 19 souls saved.

**EVANGELIST WALT HANDFORD**, assistant editor of THE

**SWORD OF THE LORD**, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois, was in the Enon Baptist Church of College Park, Georgia, April 18-May 1 for a revival. The pastor, Bill Barbry, reports 13 professions of faith, 2 who came for baptism, 5 additions by letter from other Baptist churches and many down-to-earth rededications, confessing failures in soul winning, reading the Word of God, neglecting to pray and failure in the family altar. For one Saturday morning service four business establishments operated by men in the church were closed down for the meeting. The pastor writes that his own heart was stirred and revived as were many of his people. He reports that Brother Handford is a fervent soul winner and a good gospel preacher, and heartily recommends him to any church wanting revival. All Sunday School records were broken the middle Sunday of the revival with 309 in Sunday School and 366 for the preaching service.

**EVANGELIST ERNIE HAWBECKER** of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, was in the Baptist Bible Church of Elkton, Maryland, for a revival recently. Rev. Tom Wallace, pastor, reports 84 professions of faith and 69 rededications. The newly finished tabernacle was filled nearly every night. The last day of the revival there were 626 folks who came for Sunday School.

**EVANGELIST JIM ANDERSON**, Box 678, Wichita, Kansas, was in the Temple Baptist Church of El Dorado, Kansas, for an eight-day revival. There were 12 souls saved and 15 rededications beside other Christians who made various decisions.

**EVANGELIST ROLAND DERENZO** has just entered the field of evangelism after eight years in the pastorate in Detroit, Michigan. He held a revival meeting in the Calvary Bible Church of Benton Harbor, Michigan, recently for six nights. There were 3 first-time decisions for salvation and several rededications. The pastor reports that Brother DeRenzo is a strong Bible preacher and is tireless in visitation work.

A pig was lamenting his lack of popularity. He complained to the cow that people were always talking about the cow's gentleness and kind eyes, whereas his name was used as an insult. The pig admitted that the cow gave milk and cream, but maintained that pigs gave more. "Why," the animal complained, "we pigs give bacon and ham and bristles, and people even pickle our feet. I don't see why you cows are esteemed so much more."

The cow thought awhile and said gently: "Maybe it's because we give while we're still living."



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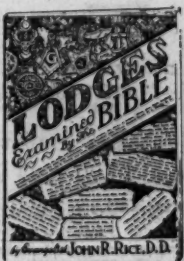
Bible; found he was yoked up with unbelievers in a lodge teaching a false religion denying atoning blood, the need for a new birth, and leading multitudes to Hell by a false plan of salvation. He confessed his sin to God and renounced the unchristian oaths. Here he piles proof upon proof that no Christian can remain in any oath-bound secret order and be true to Christ.

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## What Wait I For?

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erfully. I don't want any excitement about it."

Have you ever noticed that when any worldly influence wants to carry its point, there is always a great deal of excitement? I can take a brass band and get up a bigger stir in town on any Sunday. With these few instruments, as men blow their breath into them and strike the tinkling cymbals, more people are aroused and enthused than by any gospel sermon in truth and power that can be used. And this makes me ashamed of myself, or ashamed of my race—or both. Enthusiasm! Without enthusiasm, man is already half dead. And if there is anything that ought to arouse excitement and enthusiasm, it is the great question of eternity. And the only use I have for enthusiasm, after all, is to make me, or to make you, do the thing that is right for us to do. There is many a log adrift, floating out on the ocean; but when the spring tide, with its fearful breezes and its inflowing waters, sweeps in and out, there is many a log swept out, high and dry, that would never come out but for those brisk breezes and rising tides. And my prayer is that God will send us just such a heavenward tide, and that it will sweep you into the kingdom of God, saved in spite of yourself; for if some of you are ever saved, it seems to me that it will be in spite of all the resisting you can do.

"I am waiting for time to consider this question, and as soon as I consider it long enough, I am going to decide." Let me say to you at this point, you have already considered it, and all the preachers wait for, and the angels of God wait for, is for you to act upon the decision. You have already decided that it is right to do right, and wrong to do wrong, and the decision does not amount to anything until the man says, "I will act upon my decision."

I might decide to go home, but I would die right here unless I acted on this decision. Then I don't consider a question decided, in any sense, until it is decided in the sense that I act upon the decision. I speak it reverently before my brethren of the ministry, and my brethren in Christ, God Himself cannot help a man to be good until the man decides to take Christ into his heart, and starts out on his decision. My theology is this (and I haven't got much, but thank God, I've got enough to keep me straight if I keep up with it), that God Almighty can't make any Christ-rejecting man good, and the Devil can't make any man bad who lets Christ have His way. God can help me to be good and the Devil can help me to be bad. If God could arbitrarily make any man good, He would make all men good, for He wishes us all to be good. And if the Devil could arbitrarily make any one bad, he would make us all bad, because he wants us all bad. If you want to be good, the Lord will help you. God will not help a man to be good unless the man decides to be good and opens his heart to Jesus Christ.

Whenever a man chooses to be good, he turns to Christ and God throws the deciding point on the man's will—"whosoever will"; you choose this day and say, "I choose to do good," and then you can command the resources of God's omnipotence and love; but until you decide to do good, God Himself cannot help you to be good. That is common sense and theology. I do believe you can mix common sense and Christianity, and when you do mix it, it makes a mighty good compound. Common sense and Christianity mixed make a man who loves God and humanity.

### Waiting to Understand the Bible Better

But you say to me, "I am not waiting for time to consider this. I am troubled about the mysteries of the Bible. I am waiting until I can understand the Bible."

No one is fool enough to choose war instead of peace. For in peace sons bury fathers, but in war fathers bury sons.—Herodotus.

Well, brother, I have been a follower of Jesus Christ for many years, and there are many things I do not understand, and I thank God for it. If I could understand all of it, I would know that some one with no more sense than I wrote it. But I tell you the hardest, steepest part of the Bible is where the Ten Commandments are given to man and, thank God, both you and I can understand them. There is no mystery there. Jesus said, "If any man will do my will, he shall know the doctrine." You watch the Ten Commandments and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you need not worry about the mysteries in the Bible.

### "There Is too Much to Give Up"

But you say again, "I am not troubled about the mysteries of the Bible. I'll tell you what I'm waiting for. I am waiting for better terms. I tell you the terms and conditions of salvation are mighty tough, when a man has to give up everything." But I say to you, a man has to give up mighty little, and he gets a great deal in return. I am glad the terms are just what they are. I am very glad the good Lord will never take a man into His kingdom until that man decides to cease to do evil and learns to do well. Suppose the Lord had said to me when I was seeking religion, "You need not give up drinking. You can be my child, and drink on." I would be in a drunkard's grave this minute if He had said that. I am so glad I threw down the cup and said to my Lord, "I have drunk my last drop."

I am so glad that God Almighty does not take a man into the kingdom until he has given up everything that could disgrace him in the world, or damn him in eternity. I am not going to say some things were not hard for me to give up. But I will say this much. I have heard some people talk about sacrifices, but I say, "Blessed Saviour! I have never made a sacrifice to Thee, and today I can say it with the consciousness that there is not a cross for me in serving Thee." I used to sing, "Simply to the cross I cling."

I have sung that many a time and I thank God for the privilege of singing it. But now my song all the day is, "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

It is a prostrate and a recumbent and a resting position. Sacrifice! Fourteen years ago I emptied a whole lot of dirt out of my pockets, and God filled them with diamonds. Think of me going around saying, "I had to give away a whole lot of dirt for diamonds." Isn't that a nice thing to give up? Isn't that a sacrifice to make? I gave up dancing, I gave up dram-drinking, and I gave up profanity. I gave up everything that my preacher said was wrong. In place of that, joy and peace in this world and an everlasting home in the world to come are mine. Was that a sacrifice? Suppose I danced, drank, and enjoyed the world, and as I walked through the lurid flames of damnation with some poor, lost fellow like myself, I would say to him, "I could have gone to Heaven, but I would not give up dancing. I am in Hell forever, but I danced with more pretty girls, and drank more champagne, and had more fun than many you ever saw."

"I am waiting for better terms! I am waiting until God lets the terms down, so I can curse a little when I get mad, and drink a little when I go fishing or at Christmas time, or when a snake bites me; dance a little and indulge in other worldly pleasures. In other words, I want to hold on to some of my devilment." You remind me of the man in Atlanta who came up to me and said, "Mr. Jones, I want you to tell me how I can stop drinking. I just drink and drink, and I believe I am going to kill myself in this way." I said, "Brother, I know of but one way to quit, and that is to trust in God, and quit." He said, "Oh, Mr. Jones, I don't want to quit that way. I want to fix myself so I can take two or three drinks of whiskey a day."

I like this "no-fence" law they have in Georgia. Every man has to keep up his stock, and every farmer turns his stock out at his own risk. I like that in physical

agriculture, but when it comes to religion, no "no-fence" law for me. I want God Almighty to make the kingdom of Heaven with a ten-rail fence around it. I want the Devil's folks fenced out. I don't want them turned loose with us. And I say to every man, "If you don't want to get up where you can get into the kingdom of God, just stay out." God knows I would not lower the standard one-half inch. I have to deny myself and struggle to the top of yonder hill, but, blessed be God, when I have struggled on and on, and have pulled loads that would, at times, break me down, and have at times fallen down in the shafts, panting for breath, with shoulders sore, and have told God that I could not pull another inch, the good Lord has always been right there to pour His grace into my soul and the water of life over me, ever ready to say, "Get up, my child, and cast thy burden on me." God has helped me to push up some of the steepest places, and He is my ever-present help in time of trouble. We must deny ourselves and take up our cross if we would have the recompense of reward. I expect to see enough in Heaven the first hour I am there to pay for every sacrifice and all the suffering I have endured.

Waiting for better terms? For churches that will take you in unconverted, any way that is consistent with the attitude of the world? It reminds me of the woman praying for a husband, and an owl hooting in the grove near the house, and the woman, thinking it was the Lord asking her "Who?" answered back, "Anybody, Lord." And there are many churches standing with their arms outstretched, saying, "Give us anybody! Give us anybody!" Lord, help us preachers who claim to be religious and to proclaim the gospel of Christ to protect the church and say, "Unless you deny yourself, and take up your cross, we cannot take you. We will not compromise the religion of our Lord and Saviour." But someone says, "God help me . . . God help me, if I am a Baptist, I will be the best Christian I know how to be. If I am a Methodist, a Presbyterian, an Episcopalian, I will be the best Christian I know how to be. I will be what I profess to be, and what Christ demands that I should be."

But some say, "I am waiting for better terms. I am waiting until they will take a fellow that is about half-way ready! That is what I am waiting for!"

### Rejecting Christ Until Hypocrites in Church All Do Right

Another man says to me, "I am not waiting for better terms. I have made the decision, and if I start, I want to be a good man. I do not want to be a hypocrite in the church, I am not waiting for time to consider. I am not waiting for better terms, but I am waiting for the church to get right!" My brother, you will be in Hell a million years before the church will be right. When Jesus was on earth, He chose twelve disciples for the foundation of our church. And of that twelve, one denied Him, one doubted Him, and one sold Him to His enemies. And in apostolic succession, I don't think

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## Do It Now!

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en Pan American employees. They gave the name of the captain, the co-pilot, the radio officer, the steward and a number of others. The last name given was that of the man whom God had laid on my heart to win to Christ. But I hadn't told him about being saved and, as far as I know, he is in Hell today because I failed to warn him. Oh, I wish now that I had taken the time, had even chanced some embarrassment to tell him of Jesus' love and how he could be saved. But I waited too long.

Don't put things off! Perhaps there is someone today whom you ought to talk with about being saved. This may be the last day that person will live. This may be your last opportunity to win him to Christ. Oh, I beg of you in Jesus' name not to put off the matter of dealing with those who need Christ. Tomorrow may be too late.

For a number of weeks we have been offering a special introductory offer for THE SWORD OF THE LORD, \$1.00 for six months. Each week I have urged folk to pray and ask God to whom they ought to send THE SWORD OF THE LORD during this special campaign. Perhaps you have read the articles week by week and God has laid on your heart some friends who ought to receive THE SWORD OF THE LORD. But you have put the matter off and have simply neglected to send in the list of subscriptions you were planning to send. Let me remind you as earnestly as I know how that we ought not to put off doing things that God lays on our hearts to do. Perhaps there is a loved one right now that ought to be receiving THE SWORD OF THE LORD who in a few months will be in Hell. If you neglect today doing what you can to win him to Christ, it may be too late. THE SWORD OF THE LORD coming week by week to that loved one's home may be the very thing needed to win him to Christ. We hear every week from folks saved through THE SWORD OF THE LORD and our other literature. We know the paper is doing a job in reaching the unsaved for Christ.

Or perhaps there is some backslidden or spiritually weak friend or relative who ought to receive the paper. Last week in a revival meeting Bill Barbry, the pastor of the church, told his people that he did not believe it was possible for a person to stay in a backslidden condition and read THE SWORD OF THE LORD each week. I believe

## Kids Korner

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Mockingbird and Henry Warbler, were able to find only five apiece. They spent most of their time chipping away bark but finding nothing underneath.

Downy, on the other hand, as his daddy had taught him, would tap on the bark here and there and listen for a second. Then, if he heard nothing, he would move on to some other spot. When the hour was finished Downy had found and captured one hundred

he is right. The strong, fervent messages on all-out discipleship and earnest entreaty for soul winning make it impossible for a person to systematically read THE SWORD OF THE LORD and stay in a backslidden condition. There is no finer, no more practical Bible teaching in America available, I believe. THE SWORD OF THE LORD will do something for your friends and neighbors nothing else will do.

### Special Offer Closes June 9

You must hurry if you are going to take advantage of this special subscription offer. You may send THE SWORD OF THE LORD to a number of your friends at \$1.00 for six months for new subscriptions, or \$2.00 per year for renewal subscriptions. You will never have a better opportunity to send THE SWORD OF THE LORD to many, many of your friends. At this rock-bottom bargain rate they will receive THE SWORD OF THE LORD for less than 4c an issue. Think of it, for less than the price of a package of chewing gum or a postage stamp your friends and loved ones can receive twelve pages of the finest Christian reading available.

But you must act now if you want to take advantage of this special offer. The offer closes June 9. All subscription orders must be postmarked by that date in order to receive this special subscription rate. Don't lay this paper aside until you have prayed earnestly and asked God what He would have you to do. I fear if you lay the paper down that you will forget about this special matter and some friend or loved one may be in Hell for eternity because of your neglect.

Won't you fill out the following subscription coupon and send it in with \$1.00 for each six months of subscriptions. This would be a good time to renew your own subscription for a year or more at the special rate of \$2.00 a year. I will be looking forward to your letter this week.

and twenty-two grubs. No other bird had passed the one hundred mark.

And who do you suppose presented Downy with the medal provided by the Park Commission? None other than Mr. Cardinal, the director of the school band. As he handed it to him, he said, "Downy, as I watched you working in the woods today, I noticed what wonderful rhythm you have when you peck on the bark. You are just the bird we need to play the trap drum in our school band

and to lead us in our marches. Also that suit you are wearing is just perfect for a uniform. I shall expect you at rehearsal tomorrow night."

Thus it came to pass that Downy Woodpecker discovered that he had not one talent but two. Of course he has lots of fun playing the trap drum in the band, but he never allows that to interfere with what he considers his first talent, namely digging the grubs out of the trees in the park. Just how important that

talent is you may judge for yourself when I tell you that Downy's father has recently been appointed Superintendent of the Wington National Park. So Downy works with his father on the trees every afternoon—gets paid for it too—and is saving his money to go to college and study forestry!

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# The Wisdom of Soul Winning

(Continued from page 1)

Scripture truth, memorizing some verses, and knowing how to use them properly in dealing with the unsaved.

Jesus Christ estimates the value of a soul when He says: "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mark 8:36-37). A soul

is worth more than a whole world. It is worth more than earthly possessions, and of more value than pleasures and occupations of this life. What is wealth, position, or education compared to soul winning?

## Eight Reasons Why We Should Win Souls

1. Because all men without Christ are lost in sin and are separated from God for time and for eternity.
2. All unsaved souls are in danger of final judgment (Rev. 20:11-15).
3. Souls may win Heaven by

being born again by faith in Christ (John 3:3, 5).

4. Because of the certainty of death physical, and also eternally, without Christ and His salvation.
5. Because men need cleansing from sin, justification by faith, and pardon for all sins committed.
6. Because all men are unprepared to meet God in the merely natural life. "Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel!" (Amos 4:12).
7. Because of the certain and sudden coming of Jesus Christ.
8. Because the Great Commission Jesus Christ gave (Matt. 28:18-20) must be carried out to

the last community and tribe among the nations.

## Qualifications of the Soul Winner

What should a soul winner be like? God has chosen to use some Christians in spite of their imperfections; but He is willing to perfect that which is necessary in every believer so that souls can be won through their instrumentality, guided and instructed by the Word and Spirit of God.

A soul winner should sense the call and commission of God to win souls. The Great Commission is given once to all members of the church, but each Christian should sense his responsibility to win souls. Christians need to be delivered from a sense of fear of man, from a fear of failure, from a shyness before the unsaved. Christians need to be delivered from pride, that is, from caring what men think or say about us.

Soul winners need a love for God and for Jesus Christ, their Saviour. This love comes when we are truly born again and filled by the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 5:5). Soul winners should also have a love for sinners to the extent that they will weep over them, have compassion upon them, and seek to win them for Christ.

Soul winners should themselves have fullest assurance of salvation, and enjoy being a Christian. They should be a good advertisement for the Lord of glory. Soul winners should be truly separated from the sinful things of the flesh and the world. They should be avowed enemies of the Devil. They should "cut loose" from the world, and "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Eph. 5:11).

The story has been told of the two men one Saturday night who rowed across a lake, tied their boat to a dock, and then became drunk with liquor. Around after midnight they returned to the dock and entered the boat, and began rowing. But they made no progress! About five o'clock the next morning when the sun came up, they observed that they had never loosed the boat from the dock!

It is quite amusing, but no more

as the puzzle rather than in columns. This makes them much easier to check and also reduces the possibility of mistakes. Entries will not be returned.

3. In order for you to receive this week's prize booklet, *Sermon From a Catholic Bible*, your entry must be postmarked by midnight, June 6, 1960. If your paper arrives after the deadline date, please place the date of arrival on your puzzle entry. The answer to Puzzle Number 22 will appear in the June 17 issue of THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

4. Each person having a correct entry will receive a coupon along with the weekly prize. Save these coupons! They are important! At the end of the year (1960) those who send us 48 coupons will receive a copy of the popular book, *Home: Courtship, Marriage and Children*. Those who send only 40 coupons will receive a copy of the book, *The Soul-Winner's Fire*. And those who send 25 coupons will receive a copy of *Apples of Gold*, a beautiful book of 153 heart-warming Christian poems. Remember that the coupons which you have are the only record of your correct entries. It will be your responsibility to keep the coupons. In addition, note that coupons may not be exchanged with one another. The winning of a prize is on an individual and not a group basis. Also, duplicate coupons will not count as two separate coupons. When you receive duplicate coupons and prizes, please return them. Please limit all correspondence to only necessary items, and ALWAYS INCLUDE YOUR COMPLETE ADDRESS.

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so than many Christians that are too often tied to the things of the flesh and the world! They need to become free in Christ, and free from the sins that bind them, being kept fruitful for the glory of God (See II Cor. 6:14-18).

The soul winner needs to be so filled and controlled by the Holy Spirit that he may be led definitely to souls that need salvation. "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Rom. 8:14). The Holy Spirit will impart to God's children the power they need in prayer, the wisdom they need, with the love for God and souls. He will give a heart of pity and compassion for the lost.

The late Dr. F. B. Meyer of London was once praying, "O Lord, have mercy on the heathen!" God stopped him and said, "Meyer, I've had mercy on the heathen; it is your turn to have mercy on the heathen!" Dr. Meyer arose, began preparations for missionary conferences and brought in effective speakers, raised money for missions, and soon new missionaries were going forth "to have mercy on the heathen!"

The Holy Spirit can give definite guidance in soul winning. I was sitting at the Bible Institute in Chicago on a bitterly cold day. God spoke to me and said, "Go find a man near Lake Michigan and win him for the Lord!" I put on my cap and overcoat and soon saw the man the Lord meant. I led him to Christ very quickly. God gives power and wisdom, and will direct those whom He can trust with a commission to win souls.

I was on a train going from Los Angeles to Portland, Oregon, some years ago. As we were nearing Redding, California, God spoke to me and said, "Go back into the coaches and find there a man, and speak to him about his need." I was bewildered for a few moments, but God spoke to me again, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go; I will guide thee with mine eye" (Ps. 32:8). I cheerfully obeyed, going from seat to seat, looking to the right and to the left. As I came to a bearded old man, God seemed to indicate that this was the one.

"Where are you going, sir?" I inquired.

"I'm going to Alaska," he replied.

"A man of your age going to Alaska?"

"Yes, sir!"

We began talking, and I suggested that he should come with me into my coach where we could be more alone. He followed. He had been a janitor of a large church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for forty years. He retired at the age of seventy, and having saved \$40,000, he gave back to the church \$35,000 and kept the \$5,000. Then he went into a far country, even Los Angeles, California, and lived very much like the prodigal son! He went the limit, and I can say that without reservation. The result of the visit was that I led him to Christ, and gave him instruction how to live the Christian life, and left some good literature. This was a definite leading of the Holy Spirit. He can lead others the same way. Will YOU allow Him to lead you day by day?

God wants Christians whom He can trust to obey Him without question and do it promptly. Can God trust you to obey HIM?

I have sometimes asked how many in an audience have won a soul to Christ during the past twelve months? Usually it averages from two to five per cent. Sometimes less than that.

The soul winner must know that soul winning is very important in the mind of God. We need to have respect for God's commission; allow it to become our MISSION, and never allow it to become an omission. Soul winning is more important than sermons, than teaching a lesson in Sunday School (important as these are), and surely more important than mere social conversation or discussions on biblical themes.

Effective witnesses for Christ need patience with those who gain say, endurance in the struggle with a soul, and grace to continue when men appear to become contrary to the truth in our presentation.

—The End—

# Searching the Scriptures

Song of Solomon 1 and 2

Christ's Bride, the Church, Rejoices in Her Bridegroom

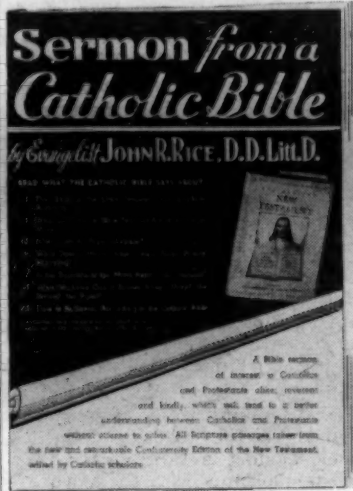
## Clues Across

- 2, 5, 44 "I \_\_\_\_\_ under his shadow with \_\_\_\_\_ delight"
- 5 see 2 across
- 7 king of Bashan (Ps. 135:11)
- 9 "The \_\_\_\_\_ of my beloved! behold, he cometh"
- 10 a place on the border of Moab (Num. 21:15)
- 11 "call ye upon him while he is \_\_\_\_\_" Isa. 55
- 13 initials for two friends of David: \_\_\_\_\_ king of Tyre (II Sam. 5:11); prophet of God (II Sam. 12:1)
- 14 a son of Jether (I Chron. 7:38)
- 15 "all our righteousnesses are as filthy \_\_\_\_\_ (s)" Isa. 64
- 16 "Whose soever sins ye \_\_\_\_\_, they are remitted unto them" John 20
- 17 "As the lily among thorns, so \_\_\_\_\_ my love among the daughters"
- 18 "I am my beloved's, and his \_\_\_\_\_ is toward me" Song of Sol. 7
- 20 first and last letters of name of man who sold Machpelah to Abraham (Gen. 23:10)
- 21 "His left hand is \_\_\_\_\_ my head"
- 22 "\_\_\_\_\_ banner over me was love"
- 23 "His \_\_\_\_\_ are as pillars of marble, set upon sockets of fine gold" Song of Sol. 5
- 24 motor coach
- 25 Hebrew name for God (compare Gen. 28:19 with Gen. 35:7)
- 26 one of the men who helped the people to understand the law (Neh. 8:7)
- 29 a memorial (Josh. 22:34)
- 30 "thy name is \_\_\_\_\_ ointment poured forth"
- 31 "\_\_\_\_\_ is my love among the daughters"
- 32 "For, lo, the winter \_\_\_\_\_ past"
- 33 "Until the day break, and the \_\_\_\_\_ (s) flee away"
- 36 "my mother's children were angry \_\_\_\_\_ me"
- 38 "I John \_\_\_\_\_ was in the \_\_\_\_\_ that is called Patmos" Rev. 1
- 39 brother of Zaavan (Gen. 36:27)
- 40 "ye have \_\_\_\_\_ from the heart that form of doctrine" Rom. 6
- 43 place on the border of Moab (Num. 21:15)

## Clues Down

- 1 "his belly is as bright \_\_\_\_\_ overlaid with sapphires" Song of Sol. 5
- 2 "the time of the \_\_\_\_\_ of birds is come"
- 3 one who excels at anything
- 4 "consider this, ye that forget God, lest I \_\_\_\_\_ you in pieces" Ps. 50
- 5 "therefore \_\_\_\_\_ the virgins love thee"
- 6 "For, lo, the \_\_\_\_\_ is past"
- 7 "And all that handle the \_\_\_\_\_ the mariners" Ezek. 27
- 8 "our vines have tender \_\_\_\_\_"
- 12 "Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my \_\_\_\_\_ (s)" Ps. 73
- 13 "\_\_\_\_\_ me under the shadow of thy wings" Ps. 17
- 14 offered strange fire to God and was slain (Num. 3:4)
- 19 "when thou liest down, and when thou \_\_\_\_\_ up" Deut. 6
- 20 scaleless, snake-like fish (plural)
- 23 "he cometh \_\_\_\_\_ upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills"
- 24 initials of two wives of David (II Sam. 12:24, I Sam. 25:39)
- 26 "the Chaldeans, Pekod, and Shoa, and \_\_\_\_\_" Ezek. 23
- 27 "because the sun hath \_\_\_\_\_ upon me"
- 28 "I have compared thee, O my love, \_\_\_\_\_ a company of horses"
- 31 land whose queen came to see Solomon's glory (II Chron. 9:1)
- 32 place where Israelites encamped (Num. 33:45)
- 33 wild plum
- 34 "Until the \_\_\_\_\_ break, and the shadows flee away"
- 35 walk through shallow water
- 37 "be thou like a roe or a young \_\_\_\_\_"
- 41 initials of son and daughter-in-law of Judah (Gen. 38:6)
- 42 a small town which defeated Israel (Josh. 7:5)
- 43 "\_\_\_\_\_ sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity" Isa. 1

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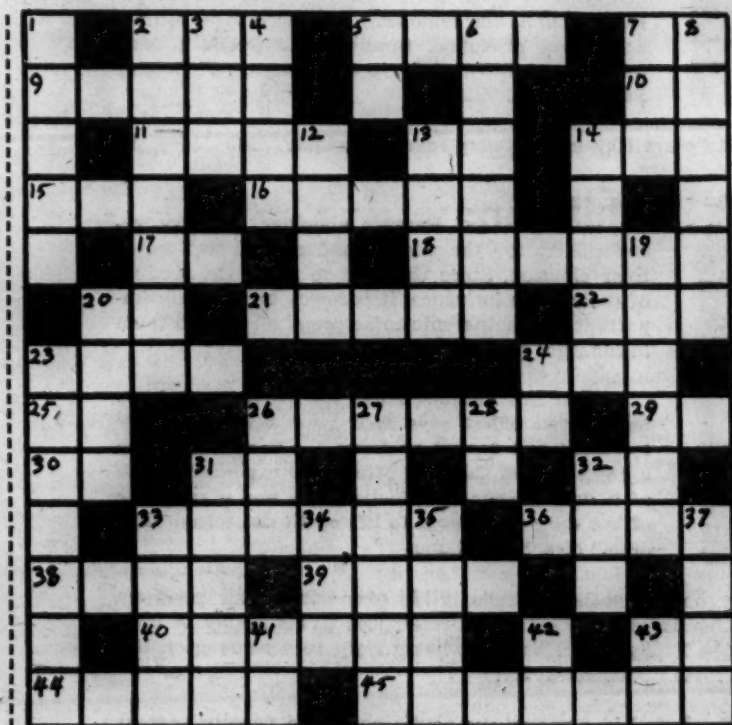
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## What Wait I For?

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you will find more than three bad ones out of every twelve, and I don't believe, while on this earth, that the church of God will ever be free from traitors, and doubters, and deniers. I suppose it will be little consolation to you in Hell to know, after many, many years, that the church has at last gotten right. Waiting for the church to get right! You say the hypocrites are in your way. Do you know a man cannot be in your way unless he is ahead of you? Whenever that crowd gets ahead of me, I know I have already stopped.

Brother, what have you and I got to do with the church? I used to stand on the outside and say, "I am as good as this one in the church. I am as good as that one." But I tell you, I always picked out some lame, halting brother, who did not amount to much, when I made these comparisons. The Devil used to worry me a great deal about the hypo-

rites in the church. He used to come up to me and point out the sorry little members that meant nothing to God or to the church, but one day I found out how to silence him. He had been asking me if I didn't know better men in the world than a certain weak brother in my church. The thought came to me as an inspiration from God. Take the Devil and show him one of those grand old soldiers of the cross who are here in your town, one of the men of God that have weathered the storms of life, and ask him if he has got anything like this old saint of God in the world. Since that time the Devil has not worried me on that line.

If there is a disgusting sight in this world to me, it is to see a man calling himself a gentleman, a moral man, out in the world, who goes out and drags a dwarf into the road and stretches himself out by his side and says, "I am going to measure this fellow and show you I am longer than he is." And after he has lain down and measured himself by the dwarf, he jumps up and says, "Don't you see I am bigger than this fellow in the church?" Why don't you take a first-class Christian and lie down by his side and take your own measure? I tell you, you would look like a rat terrier lying by the side of an elephant. The fact of the business is, we have got some sorry members; but did you ever think about it: we got them from your side. We have never been able to do very much with them. But I feel that it is largely due to your influence from the outside that they have not developed into just the members of the church of God that they should have. The reason we have never been able to do anything with them is because they are so much like you. And is it not strange that you should put a few of your sort on us, and then make it a reason why you will not get saved, come into the church of God, and live right?

Here you are waiting for the church to get right! And I say to you, it is largely your fault that the church is not already right. Here is a father who is a farmer; he has four sons. He is going off on a journey, and he says, "Bill, John, Henry, and Tom, I am going away, and I am going to leave the farm and my affairs in your keeping. I want you to put this field in corn, this in cotton, and sow this land in wheat." After leaving full directions, the father goes off on his journey. A few days after he leaves, Bill

and Tom say to John and Henry, "Come on, now, let's begin this work father left for us to do." John and Henry say, "We don't think we will begin at all, for if we don't begin, we will not be under obligations to continue." The two other boys sow their wheat, go on and plant the crop as best they can, and about the middle of June the grass begins to get the upper hand of the crop. The two idle boys get up on the fence in the shade and say to the two boys who are hard at work, "Look at your crop, boys! Seems like the grass is growing faster than anything else. Your cotton and corn are full of weeds. We would be ashamed to have such a crop." The two working boys reply, "John, you and Henry know that father told you as well as us to work in this crop. We have done the best we could, and yet we could not do your part and our own part too. You boys get off the fence and help us to get rid of the grass instead of sitting there criticizing us."

Now, old fellow, you get down off the fence, get a new heart and come into God's vineyard and go to work with us for Him. He told you to work in His vineyard just as He told me, and He has a work for each one of us to do, and unless we do that work, it remains undone. No one can do our work for us, and that work, you may be sure, is not to criticize.

### Waiting to Feel Like Coming to Christ

But another man says, "I am not waiting for the church to get right. The Lord knows the church is too good for me as it is. I'll tell you what I'm waiting for. I am waiting for feeling. As soon as I have feeling, I'll tell you plainly, I am going into the church."

You remind me of the man who stands on the roadside with his back against a large tree, on a frosty morning, with his axe resting against his knee. I walk up to him and say, "Good-morning, my friend. What are you going to do?"

He replies, "I am going to cut down this tree."

"Why don't you get at it?" I ask him.

"I'm waiting till I began to sweat."

"Why don't you begin to cut and then you'll begin to sweat?"

He says, "I am not going to cut a lick until I begin to sweat," and he stands there and freezes to death. What would you do with a fellow like that?

Feeling, in a spiritual sense, is what perspiration is in a physical sense. Both come from activity. You say to me, "If I come up and join the church, and don't feel like doing it, I will be a hypocrite. If I do a thing without feeling like doing it, I am a hypocrite." That's the way you talk.

Look here, doctor, when you were sent for at midnight the other night, you had been at work all day, and had lost a great deal of sleep for several nights. When the summons came to go to a very sick patient, you got up and rubbed your eyes and said, "Wife, I declare I don't feel like going." But you got out of bed, dressed yourself, went to see the patient and relieved the suffering. Were you a hypocrite? You did not feel like going, but you went like a true man, and did your duty. Were you a hypocrite? Sister, when you got up this morning, you did not feel like getting up, much less like going to the kitchen and cooking breakfast for your husband and children and getting the children off to school. But you got up anyway and went on to your work the best you could. Were you a hypocrite? No! You deserved a great deal more credit for getting up and doing the thing that seemed so hard to do than if you had felt like doing it.

"I am waiting for feeling! I am not going to do a thing until I get feeling." Well, now, if that's what you want, I can prescribe for you, and I can bring out feeling on you before ten o'clock in the morning.

Here's old Brown, he stole a sheep last night. Yonder it is in his pen today. He stole it and says, "I know I stole that sheep. I know it was not right, and if I could just feel it was wrong to steal that sheep, I would take it

back in a minute, but I haven't got a bit of feeling."

I say to him, "You thief, I'll get you up some feeling if you really want it."

He asks me how, and I reply, "It's out all over the settlement that you stole the sheep last night, and the whole community knows it, and knows it is now in your pen. Now, old fellow, it's broad daylight; you take that sheep on your shoulder and go down the big road with it until you get to Smith's and tell him there is the sheep you stole from him last night. Tell him you are sorry for it and beg his pardon."

"Will that get feeling?" Brown asks.

"You do as I tell you, and if it doesn't, I will pay you for your trouble."

Old Brown shoulders the sheep, and takes it down the big road. When he passes Johnson's house, Johnson's wife is in the yard. She says, "O husband, there's old Brown carrying that sheep back that he stole from Smith. Yonder he goes; do you see him?" Old Brown hears that and passes on by Mr. Green's house. Mr. Green's little boy is out at the front gate; he sees old Brown and says, "O mama, run here; here goes old Brown with that sheep of Mr. Smith's on his shoulder. He is taking it back." Brown hears that, too. By and by he walks up to Smith's house, and Smith and his wife are sitting on the front porch. He walks up to the front step, lets the sheep down, and says, "Mr. S-s-smith, h-h-here's y-y-your sh-sheep."

He has got feeling now. God bless him! And if you want feeling, my brother, you go and confess that sin that you committed, go and take that sheep back, and you'll get it. If you want feeling, you go around the city in which you live and try to undo the bad deed you have done, and you'll not go very far before you will feel in your heart, "I know I am the meanest man God ever made."

Oh, that we realized that we need principle, not feeling. Feeling is the lowest element in religion—away down, the ground stratum. Feeling! Principle! Those are the two things that move men—feeling and principle. I will show you the difference.

Here is feeling. There is a sailing ship; she starts out in a full breeze, under full sail. Watch her. She is going twelve miles an hour. She gets out into mid-ocean; the wind ceases, and there she lies for six weeks. She does not move half a mile. What's the matter? No wind! She can only move when the wind blows. And what is principle? Look at the ocean steamer; she weighs anchor and moves out. When the wind blows, she spreads her wings, and she is going fifteen miles an hour. By and by the wind ceases, the engineer pulls the throttle wide open, and she runs her fourteen knots, whether the wind blows or not. That's principle! Principle is a firm resolution to do right which nothing can break. Trust in Christ for salvation and land safe in the haven of eternal rest.

### "Waiting Until I Get Fit to Come to Christ"

Another says, "I am not waiting for feeling. I'll tell you what I'm looking for. I am not fit to come to Christ. I am not fit to be a Christian. I am waiting to get fit," and he makes that a reason why he does not come to Christ. He does not know that his acceptance is the only thing that commends him to Christ. If he thought he was fit to come, Christ would not have him. He said, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Luke 5:32). "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief" (I Tim. 1:15). When it comes to the plea of want of fitness, the most intelligent lawyer and the humblest laboring man are on the same level. You ask the most intelligent lawyer why he doesn't come into the church and serve God, and he will say, "Because I am not fit." You ask the most ignorant man the same question, and he will reply, "I ain't fitten." So, after all, the only difference between them is their grammar.

It reminds me of a poor fellow who is starving to death. A man walks up to him, takes him

by the hand, and leads him into a room where the table is set for a meal. He asks the poor fellow if he is hungry and he says, "I was never hungrier in my life." The friend tells him that there is a table laden with every luxury, and that he is to sit down and eat. But the man hesitates and says he cannot eat. When asked why, he says his hands are not fit. But you show him the soap, water, and towels and tell him to wash his hands. He tells you they are not fit to be washed, and he stands there and starves to death. Now, what are you going to do with him? There is an old sinner out there, and I say, "Friend, come up and join the ranks of God today." But he says, "I am not fit." And when I ask him to come and get fit, he says, "I ain't fitten to get fit," and stands there and starves to death spiritually, out of the kingdom of God.

Another man says, "I know I am not fit. I can see it, and my wife sees it, and my neighbors see it. My heart is harder now and my will is more obdurate than it was." The truth of the business is, there's no use in putting up such a story as that.

"If I tarry till I'm better, I shall never come at all."

Bless God for this old hymn. For these two lines:

"All the fitness He requireth Is to feel my need of Him."

All that is needed to secure a ticket to God's table is the fact (Continued on next page)

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that you are hungry. The only thing that commends you to the outgushing waters of life is the fact that you are thirsty. Christ died to save sinners!

### "I Am Afraid I Cannot Hold Out"

Another man says, "A man ought not to talk about getting 'fit' for the Lord knows we are all 'unfit.' That's the reason we are where we are today. But I'll tell you what I'm waiting for; I am waiting till I get enough religion to take me through to Heaven before I start at all, for I'll tell you, I have seen the beginning and ending of so many religious lives that I am afraid to start on so small a capital. I have been right there many a time in my thoughts. Oh, how it troubled me to think I had joined the church, and might run well the Christian race for a while, like some men I had seen, then quit. That bothered me a great deal, and that is a stumbling block to a great many men." You say, "Whenever I get religion enough to take me through before I start, then I am going to start. But I'm afraid to start for fear I cannot hold out." Let me illustrate this for you.

Some years ago I was going up to Cartersville, my home, fifty miles above Atlanta. Just before the train started, I walked out around the locomotive that was to pull the train to Cartersville, and as I looked at it I saw the engineer oiling up. Just before leaving time, the engineer looked up at the fireman and said, "Have you got steam enough to start with?" The fireman replied, "Yes." I peeped around and saw he had only seventy-five or eighty pounds of steam. I looked back at those six or eight coaches and looked at that steam gauge and thought, "This engineer, going to leave this city with one hundred and thirty-eight miles of up-and-down grade between here and Chattanooga, with eighty pounds of steam!" I knew the boiler would hold one hundred and eighty pounds pressure to the square inch, and I didn't know what that engineer meant. But in a minute or two he rolled the engine back, coupled on to the passenger coaches, and pulled out toward his destination. The bell rang, and the engineer pushed his lever forward and pulled his throttle open, and the engine began to move. As we turned a curve, close to the Chattahoochee River, seven miles out of Atlanta, I put my head out and saw the safety valve blow out, and the engine blowing off. She had more steam than she could hold. I said to myself, "The engineer never asked the fireman if he had steam enough to run to the river, seven miles, or to Marietta, twenty miles, or Cartersville, fifty miles, or Chattanooga, one hundred and thirty-eight miles, but he asked the fireman if he had enough steam to start with."

After we moved on, I got to thinking, "Suppose that engine had stayed in Atlanta until she got steam enough to run to Cartersville, or to Chattanooga? He would have blown that engine into ten thousand pieces. But she started off with eighty pounds' pressure, and generated steam faster in running than she could by standing still. Before we got seven miles out of the city, we had more steam than she wanted, and was blowing off at the safety valve."

Hear me! You are waiting for grace enough to take you to Heaven before you start, while all you need is enough to start with, for the soul appropriates grace faster running toward Heaven than it does standing still. If God gave enough joy, peace, strength for that—to take you to Heaven at once—it would blow your little soul into ten thousand pieces. All a man wants in this universe is enough to start with. When I gave my heart to God and started on a better life, I didn't have enough steam to start. I had to take a crowbar and pinch my way along a few steps, but, thank God, I got started, and began to move off. I had gotten only as far as the station of full surrender before the safety valve flew open and I was blowing off steam and shouting the praise of God! I had more grace than I could hold. Thank God, we can generate steam faster running than we can

standing still. Every one of us has grace enough to make a start. All that I had was the sense that I was lost, and the promise that Christ would save one who trusted Him. I promised my dying father I would quit my sins, take Christ and go with him to Heaven. That was all.

I ask you now, is it right for us to wait for time to consider, to wait until we can solve the mysteries of the Bible, to wait for better terms, to wait for the churches to get right, to wait for feeling, to wait till we are fit, or to wait until we can get enough religion to carry us clear through? Can't we make up our minds and say with the text, "What wait I for? My hope is in thee?"

### My Hope Is in Christ

Thank God, my hope is in Him! If my hope was in stocks and bonds, and I had all the world could give, those stocks and bonds might take unto themselves wings and fly away from me, and then my hope would be gone forever. Suppose my hope was in my precious mother. For nearly thirty years my mother has been buried away from the sight of human eyes. Suppose my hope was in my father, my father who has been buried so many years. Suppose my hope was in my wife; she has been all the world to me since the day God gave her to me; she has been a crutch under both my arms to hold me up. But suppose my wife should die and should be cut off from me in a minute, and my hope be gone forever. Suppose my hope was in my children.

The time might come when I would kiss the cold lips of my last child in the world, and my hope would be gone forever. Suppose my hope was in preachers. The time might come when every one of them would turn his back on me and forsake me, then my hope would be gone. Suppose my hope was in the church. The time might come when the church would drive me from her pews and forbid me to enter her doors, then my hope would be vanished forever. Suppose my hope was in my friends around me. Those friends might depart and leave me.

But, thank God, my hope is not in wife, or children, or neighbors, or church, or preachers; I can say with the psalmist, "My hope is in God!" When I started they said to me, "Old fellow, you are mighty weak."

I said, "I know that, but my hope is in God."

They said, "You are as frail as a bruised reed, and you will have a thousand trials in your pathway."

I said, "I know how frail I am, but my hope is in God."

Oh, brother, let God take your hand in His, and then all will be well for time and for eternity.

The cross of Jesus Christ is the grand remedial agency of the world.

When I get to Heaven and my loved ones congratulate me on my trip, if my father says, "I am glad you kept your promise to me, and made the trip in safety," I shall tell them I had very little to do with it, and shall ask them to show me my Saviour who

sought me, a poor wandering sheep, and when He found me, poor, starved, and tired, and lost, He didn't scold me, He didn't upbraid me, He didn't take a club and beat me, but He came to me and put His arms around me, and brought me safe to the gates of Heaven. Thank God, my hope is in Him, and He is strong enough to take care of me now and forever.

(With grateful acknowledgment to Fleming Revel Publishers. We suggest you get the book, GREAT PULPIT MASTERS, Sermons by Sam Jones.)

### Wait No Longer

You have read the above message by the famous evangelist of long ago, Sam Jones. Whether you agree with everything he says or not, sensible people know that he led many thousands to Christ and they should heed what he says. Now let the editor urge you to wait no longer, but take Christ today.

If you are unconverted several great facts face you. You are a sinner and you know it. The wages of sin is death. Without a new heart you are utterly lost. But, thank God, Jesus died for you. He loves you, He wants to save you. He has paid for all your sins. Now if you want to be saved, you may.

Simply turn from your sins and put your trust in Jesus Christ! Depend upon Him, rely upon Him, commit your soul to Him today. He has promised, "Him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). He plainly said, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life" (John

3:36). The moment you honestly turn from sin to trust in Christ, that moment He makes your heart new, forgives your sins, and makes you God's child. Do not delay. Do not make excuses, but decide now for Christ and Heaven, and God and right.

If you will here and now accept Christ as your own Saviour, won't you please put yourself on record at once? Sign the following decision slip, copy it in a letter and mail it to me today. I would be so glad to hear from you and will send you a letter of comfort and counsel.

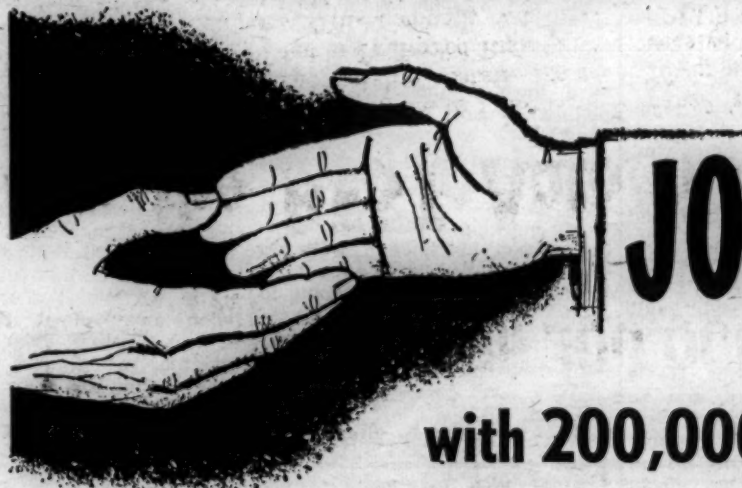
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Dear Brother Rice:

I have read Evangelist Sam Jones' sermon, "What Wait I For?" I realize that I am a poor lost sinner. I believe that Christ died for me, as the Bible says. I acknowledge that excuses and delays about salvation are wrong. So here and now I turn to Jesus for mercy. I confess to Him that I am a sinner, I turn my heart from my sin and trust Him to forgive me and save me now, as He promised to save those who trust Him. By His help I give Him my heart forever, I will claim Him openly as my Saviour, and set out to live for Him.

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